



Weekly Update From School On COVID Measures- Friday 30th April 2021

Each week we will provide an update to parents about any refinements or adjustments to the measures we have in place in and around school. We hope that this will be useful in terms of keeping you informed and up to date.

Items From Home

Please do not send your child in with items from home that are not absolutely essential for learning. The only things children need to bring aside from their packed lunches, coats, hats, gloves and water bottles are their reading books. Everything else is provided in school. This is one of our protective, infection control measures.

Outdoor Play

Even with all the enhanced measures we have in place, we are still creating opportunities for high quality outdoor play. With this in mind, and as the weather worsens, please remember to send your children with some wellies with their name marked on them after half-term. Please remember to send your child with a hat and gloves as the weather gets colder. When parents in Reception are lining up with children at the beginning of the day, please ensure they do not play on the climbing equipment whilst waiting.

Important Reminders

- 1. Thank you for adhering to the 1 parent on site rule and maintaining social distance from other parents, children and staff.**
- 2. Please note that if your child's class has drop off times of 8.30-8.45, or 8.45-9.00, if you arrive after the latest drop off time, the learning in class will have already started, we appreciate the additional challenges for parents so please try to get your children into class within the time slot so that they do not miss any learning**

Y1 Collection Area and KS2 Siblings

Please note that Y1 parents are now being asked to wait in the collection area which is demarcated by the tyres in the Key Stage 1 yard, and Key Stage 2 siblings will be waiting, and can be collected from, underneath the pagoda. Thank you for your support with this.

Google Classroom

All our Google Classrooms are now fully active and content will be posted each week. In the event of a bubble closing based on advice from PHE (Public Health England), then a full remote timetable will commence the day following the closure.

Test Results

Please inform the school office immediately of any COVID-19 test results. This can be done via e-mail or phone and must be done before your child returns to school following a period of self-isolation.

Play Equipment

Please can we ask parents to avoid letting their children play on the climbing equipment in the Key Stage 1 yard. This is important to ensure that we continue to maintain a quick and regular flow of traffic through the yard, and to minimise touching of equipment in between cleaning.

Staggered Starts

A reminder of the staggered starts is included in the table below. Please remember to use the 8.45 cross-over slot if you are the parent of children in multiple year groups. Please can we also remind parents to continue to maintain social distancing when waiting to enter the school grounds and to around other adults, children and staff. Dropping off children by parking on the yellow zig-zags outside school is to be absolutely avoided from a safety perspective. **Thank you for adhering to the 1 parent on site rule.**



Year Group	Arrival Time	End of Day
Hive	8.45-9.00	Gates open at 3.15pm.
Pre-School	8.45-9.00	
Reception	8.45-9.00	All children can be collected between 3.15 and 3.30pm.
Year 1	8.30-8.45	
Year 2	8.45-9.00	For parents who have children in Reception, Y1 or Y2 and older children in Key Stage 2, we would encourage you to collect at 3.15pm as Key Stage 2 siblings will be waiting for collection in the Key Stage 1 playground from 3.15pm.
Year 3	8.30-8.45	
Year 4	8.45-9.00	
Year 5	8.30-8.45	
Year 6	8.45-9.00	

We have begun calling the classes one at a time so that as they enter the school premises, we can maintain social distancing between bubbles. We will call them in the following order:

8.30-8.45: Y1, then Y3, then Y5

8.45-9.00: Reception, then Y2, then Y4, then Y6

Pre-school gates will be opened at 8.30 to allow parents to wait in the designated area, and the staff will welcome the children in from 8.45am.

Handwashing

This is an absolutely critical part of the measures we have in place, with children washing their hands with soap and water between 3 and 5 times per day. In addition to this, we will be using sanitising foam on some occasions during the school day. Therefore, if your child has sensitive hands and you wish them to use their own hand sanitiser, please send this with them to school.

COVID Attendance Guidance For Parents

Please see a useful table on the next two pages which will support you as parents around when to access tests/when to self-isolate.



What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...my child has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Self-isolate the whole household - Get a test - Inform the school immediately about the test result 	...the test comes back negative or a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, and the child feels well.
...my child tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days). - Self-isolate the whole household. 	...10 days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell. <i>(These symptoms can last for several weeks.)</i> AND the child feels well.
...my child tests negative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact school to inform us. - Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day). 	...the test comes back negative.
...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Ring on each day of illness. 	...until you have not been sick for at least two day or had diarrhoea for at least two days.
...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Self-isolate the whole household. - Household member to get a test. - Inform school immediately about test result. 	...the test comes back negative.
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days). - Self-isolate the whole household. 	...the child has completed 10 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days). 	...the child has completed 10 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified a household member (other than my child) as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The household member must self-isolate for 10 days. - Child can continue to attend school. 	...child can continue to attend school
... a sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to their being a positive case in their school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sibling must self-isolate for 10 days. - St. Thomas of Canterbury child(ren) can continue to attend. 	...child can continue to attend school
... my child has travelled abroad from a country or	If returning from a destination where quarantine is needed*:	...the quarantine period of 10 days has been completed.



<p>territory that is NOT on the exempt list of countries.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - minimum of 10 days self-isolation for all those who travelled. - contact school to inform us you are back in the country and we will agree an earliest date for possible return to school. - Self-isolate the whole household. <p>*Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) – for up to date travel information</p>	
<p>... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that IS on the exempt list of countries.</p>	<p>If returning from a destination where quarantine is NOT needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check the current Exempt countries and territories list to confirm the country you have travelled from or through is on the exempt list. - Ring school to inform us you have returned to the UK and agree a return date to school. 	<p>... you have informed the office of your return to the UK (<i>the office will ask you a few questions about your travel</i>).</p>
<p>...I have travelled from a country that requires us to quarantine (but my child didn't travel).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As long as you do not have / have not had symptoms in the last 10 days, your child can continue to attend school. - The person who has travelled MUST NOT leave the house, including to do pick-ups and drop offs (<i>please contact school if you need support getting your child to school</i>). 	<p>...child can continue to attend school</p>
<p>...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again. 	<p>...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again. ...you receive medical advice that your child may return to school.</p>
<p>...my child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Child must not come to school. - Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school. - Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days. - Other siblings may continue to attend school. 	<p>...school inform you that the bubble will be reopened.</p>
<p>... I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms</p>	<p><i>If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child and anyone they live with must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.</i></p>	<p>...the child has completed 10 days of isolation.</p>