

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted that the start of term is here and we will all be together again in our school. We hope you have had a great summer break. We are looking forward to welcoming students back tomorrow and for staff and students to be able to work together in ways that have been missed for so long.

Whilst removal of restrictions is now in place, Covid 19 remains with us across our community. It is important that the remaining guidelines are followed by us all to protect those most vulnerable and to minimise disruption to face to face learning in school for our children.

The information below will help us to achieve this.

#### **Covid vaccinations**

We are going to offering Covid vaccinations to all of our students in Year 8 and above in school. There will be consent letters and information coming home tomorrow about this so please keep a look out for these. Having the vaccination helps to protect our school community.

#### **School arrival**

All students should arrive into the bus park **from 8.40**. Parents and students are asked to remain in cars/on buses until a member of staff comes to get them. Not all will be able to arrive in the first 'wave' please queue around the circle once the bus park is full. Please do not over fill the bus park area and be patient with us, we will be as quick as we can to get students into school. Lessons start at 9.00.

#### **End of day**

Again, pick up is from the bus park **from 2.40**. Parents should remain in cars and their child will be brought to them. Please queue in a similar way to the morning.

#### **Attendance**

The aim this year is to maximise the number of children and young people in face to face education and minimise disruption. We want our children to be able to have as near-normal an experience at school as possible and are excited about seeing them all again.

#### **Isolation is required immediately:**

- **For all individuals who are symptomatic** (they should get a PCR test as soon as possible)
  - **A new, continuous cough**
  - **A high temperature**
  - **Loss of sense of taste or smell**
- In the case of a positive LFD test while you await a PCR result
- Those with a positive PCR result (for ten days following 1st positive test or for ten days from onset of symptoms)
- Those who have **not** been double vaccinated, are over 18 and have been identified as a close contact

Please do **not** send your child into school if they have any of the above.

**Isolation is no longer required** for those who have been double vaccinated (14 days after 2nd dose) or those aged under 18 in the following circumstances:

- If identified as a close contact
- If in a household where another householder has tested positive or is symptomatic

However, test and trace may recommend that contacts as described above have a PCR test.

**Home learning** will be provided for pupils who are at home but well enough to study

#### **Control measures and risk assessments**

To support high levels of attendance, we retain the control measures recommended by the Department for Education to reduce the risk of spread of Covid-19. These are enhanced levels of cleaning, increased ventilation, promoting hand and respiratory hygiene, testing (where appropriate and advised) and the management of positive cases.

A robust risk assessment remains in place, please see our website for the updated version.

If you need assistance with any of the above or any other kind of support please get in touch.

Regards,

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Headteacher