



2nd March 2021

Dear Families,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all children back in school, full time from Monday 8th March. The brighter weather, vaccinations and the hope of a more normal future is most positive. However, as schools open to all pupils we have to be extra cautious for all our children, staff and families. We will not be able to relax any of our controls in school until we are advised that we can do.

Please be assured that we will do everything to make the school as safe as possible and will always follow official guidance. Much of the information below is the same as the autumn term with some minor changes. Our full risk assessment is available on the school website.

How will we organise the school day to minimise risk?

- During teaching time your child will usually be taught with their own class, and their normal teacher. Some classes will, at times, be in bubbles and they may share toilets, cloakrooms, playtimes and lunchtime. The same adults will stay with bubbles as much as possible but may teach / support in other year groups as necessary. We will minimise all contact between bubbles as much as possible. The playground will be in zones for different classes.
- In class the children will usually sit side by side but will not be socially distanced from each other.
- We will continue to encourage social distancing for adults and pupils.
- School staff, peripatetic staff, supply staff and other providers e.g. Premier Sports are allowed to work across bubbles which will allow us to offer a full range of subjects and opportunities – separate risk assessments are in place.
- Drop off and pick up times for your class and how to access the classroom /playground remain the same as the autumn term. We do appreciate that families may have children in different year groups with different drop-off and pick-up times – we need to do this to keep bubbles separate and appreciate your support.

- Please do not arrive too early for drop off or pick up and once your child has gone in to school or you have picked them up we are asking you to then leave the school premises quickly. This will minimise the number of people gathered in one place.
- All adults are required to wear masks on school premises, both inside and out.

Year Group	Drop Off	Pick up
Reception	9.05	3.25
Year 1	8.55	3.15
Year 2	8.55	3.15
Year 3	9.05	3.40
Year 4	8.45	3.20
Year 5	8.55	3.30
Year 6	8.55	3.30

- Only one adult should accompany the child and parents/carers must not enter the building or gather at the school gates/ doors. Pupils should not be coming to school before their drop off time.
- Contact with parents / carers will continue to be remote – emails and phone calls. Adults will have to have a pre-arranged appointment to come in to school.
- Pupils are expected to wear full school uniform – teachers may request PE kits on certain days. The advice is that uniforms do not need washing daily.
- Adaptations have been made, where necessary to give extra space and support to ensure more distance is available in classrooms
- Playtimes and lunchtimes will operate on a rota system with pupils playing and eating in bubbles. School lunches will be packed lunch some days and hot meals another. Pupils will eat outside if possible, in classrooms or in the hall. Tables and chairs if used for more than one sitting will be cleaned in between use.
- Movement around school will be kept to a minimum in order to reduce the risk of contact
- Equipment pupils can bring in to school must be limited. If possible no lunchboxes, hats or coats, most books, stationery, mobile phones or any other items that are not essential. Bags are allowed but should be limited in size and any items brought into school should not be shared with anyone else.
- There will be no large gatherings, no day or residential visits or large group assemblies until guidance allows.

- Some extra-curricular activities are allowed from 8th March – Premier Sports and homework clubs will resume as they are a continuation of our main curriculum. Other extra-curricular activities will be offered once the advice allows.
- Wraparound care - before and after school clubs will be operating with juniors and infants as distinct, consistent groups.

How will we reduce the risk of infection in school?

- School has full and comprehensive risk assessments and action plans in place – these have been written in consultation with staff and governors and follow all official guidance.
- All adults and children are aware of the required hygiene and handwashing regime, which includes:
 - Frequently washing their hands with soap and running water for 20 seconds and drying thoroughly or hand sanitiser.
 - Cleaning their hands regularly, including when they arrive at school, when they return from breaks, when they change rooms and before and after eating
 - Embedding the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach
 - Encouraging pupils to clean their hands thoroughly after using the toilet
 - hand sanitisers available around school (older pupils able to bring, but not share, their own)
- The DfE have stated that face coverings are not needed during the school day by the pupils in primary schools. Masks if misused may inadvertently increase the risk of transmission. If a child does come to school wearing a mask they will have to remove it before they enter the school – this will need to be done correctly and without touching their face. The mask will need to be put in their bag, ideally in a plastic bag and not removed before they get home. Parental requests for their child to wear a mask in school will be by agreement with the headteacher.
- Enhanced cleaning schedule in line with government guidance
- Avoid contact between bubbles where possible
- Staff maintain distance for pupils and other adults as much as possible
- The wearing of PPE is not recommended – staff will wear PPE though for first aid, intimate care, supervising children who are ill / showing symptoms of COVID 19 while waiting for parents. Staff will wear masks when working closely with pupils and when moving around school.
- Movement in classrooms will be restricted in order to reduce the risk of contact
- Doors will be propped open, windows opened and rooms well ventilated – this has been given even higher importance in the latest guidance.
- We will learn outside as much as possible

- Junior children can bring a healthy mid-morning snack in to school (not crisps/chocolate etc.). Snacks for the juniors will be available as normal for purchase from the school kitchen staff. Complimentary fruit for infants will be provided so a snack from home will not be required.
- Staff now have access to Lateral Flow Tests which are administered twice weekly
- Approximately 35% of staff have already had their first vaccination

How will we ensure pupil wellbeing?

- There will be a focus on pastoral support and physical and mental wellbeing
- Individual and group support will be offered if needed
- The Behaviour Policy and Safeguarding Policy will continue to reflect any new expectations and rules etc
- Additional teaching and discussion will happen as they naturally occur

What will the children be learning?

- The curriculum as always will include a wide range of subjects with maths and English prioritised
- During lockdown 3, school remained open for key workers / vulnerable with approx. 25% of the pupils in. Staff have continued to cover our curriculum with key workers and remote learning – teachers have shared with each other teaching and learning for their year group. From March 8th we will implement our recovery curriculum which will follow our normal provision with adaptations as necessary. There will be a period of assessment to allow us to see where pupils' needs are and to implement catch up work as needed.
- While we need to ensure the next stage of the pupils' education is secure, we will also focus on their well-being, health and transition.
- Residential visits are still not allowed – the Year 6 visit has been cancelled and we are currently reviewing the Year 5 visit in July.
- Outdoor PE sessions will be prioritised where possible – we are able to work with our usual sports coaches, clubs and organisations for extracurricular activities – all separately risk assessed.
- Pupils will continue to have access to reading books, once returned these will then be removed for a period of time before going back in the library.
- Homework will continue as usual.

What if my child becomes unwell with COVID symptoms?

- If your child becomes unwell in school, you will be contacted immediately to come and collect them. While they wait they will be placed away from the other children and looked after by a member of staff who will need to wear PPE
- Schools will be required to engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.

- Parents should also be willing to engage the NHS Test and Trace process.
- Pupils must not come to school if they have Coronavirus symptoms or if they live with anyone with symptoms or who have tested positive.
- School will follow the guidance if a member of staff or a pupil tests positive – this may result in some groups or bubbles having to self-isolate. Staff and children should not attend if they have symptoms or are self-isolating due to symptoms in their household. In the event of a class or year group needing to self-isolate, or there is a local lockdown requiring pupils to remain at home, we will provide home learning.

Does my child have to attend school from March 8th?

- School attendance will be mandatory from March 8th.
- Schools will be able to fine for non-attendance – as always, this will be assessed on a case by case basis
- Where a pupil is unable to attend school because they are self –isolating and /or complying with clinical and/or public health advice, we will offer them access to remote education – their absence will not be penalised

Public Health England health protection team

Cheshire East is part of the North West Public Health England area. Their number is 0344 225 0562.

How families can help:

- If your child is unwell and/or has a temperature above 37.8 keep them at home
- Ensure your child has washed their hands before coming to school
- Be on time for drop –off and pick – up – please do not arrive early to avoid congestion
- Leave the school grounds promptly, not stopping for a chat in the playground or round the gates.
- Socially distance from staff and other adults at both pick-up and drop-off and leave the car parks as quickly as possible to make room for the next group.
- Contact school staff via emails or phone calls and only enter school if you have an appointment
- Arrive quickly to collect your child if they are unwell
- Engage with the NHS Test and Track system
- Follow any requests from school staff to reduce risk e.g. advice regarding equipment/possessions brought into school.

In consultation with staff and governors we have comprehensive and detailed risk assessments and action plans, underpinning the information in this email. Our decisions and actions are always based on official advice and guidance.

Kind regards

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Headteacher