



4th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

As explained at the end of last term, we will continue to keep the children in their class bubbles, maintain the same entrances and exits and retain existing lunch arrangements. Where staff are absent, classes will be covered where possible by other school staff. High levels of absence may result in classes being combined in order to maintain face to face teaching.

The Omicron variant is spreading very rapidly at the moment and there is a high risk that staff and pupils will be infected. This will require them to isolate for at least 7 days (following two negative lateral flow tests 24 hours apart from day 6) and in many cases up to 10 days. This will be extremely disruptive to education and we are keen to do what we can to keep the infection rate low in our community.

If you are able to facilitate a lateral flow test for your child before they return to school tomorrow, this would help keep school as safe as possible.

In line with DfE guidance we will continue to:

- Promote vaccination for eligible staff.
- Ensure that symptomatic staff and pupils isolate and take a PCR test.
- Ensure that staff take regular lateral flow tests, twice a week, and isolate if they get a positive result.
- Recommend that contacts of cases, especially household contacts take a PCR test, commence daily lateral flow tests, and isolate if they get a positive result.
- Ensure that face coverings are worn by staff and visitors when moving around the school premises.
- Ensure that plans are in place to support pupils with remote learning when they are having to self-isolate. More information provided overleaf.
- Recommend that parents/carers socially distance and wear face coverings when on the school grounds.

A reminder of our drop off and collection times is provided below:

Class	Drop Off	Collect
Nursery/Reception	8.50 am	3.20 pm
Year 1	9.00 am	3.30 pm
Year 2	8.50 am	3.20 pm
Year 3	9.00 am	3.30 pm
Year 4	8.50 am	3.20 pm
Year 5	8.50 am	3.20 pm
Year 6	9.00 am	3.30 pm

Children arriving before 8.50 am must be booked into BUZZ Breakfast Club.

The school's side gate will be unlocked at 8.45 am and 3.15 pm. The time available to teaching staff before the start of the school day is important and, in particular, allows them time to plan, prepare and conduct staff meetings. Please respect our staff and our drop off and collection times. Information regarding BUZZ Breakfast and After School Club is available from Mrs Riley in the school office.

Remote Education

In line with DfE guidance, attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age.

Schools are required to provide remote education to pupils where their attendance would be contrary to government guidance or legislation around COVID-19.

Children who are self-isolating due to a positive test result but who are not physically unwell will have access to remote education in the form of work accessible from the school's Google Drive, as well as live direct teaching for Maths and English as soon as reasonably practicable. Teaching staff will communicate timetables to the affected families.

Thanking you in advance for your support and co-operation.

Yours sincerely



Mrs L Lowndes
Headteacher