

03 September 2021



Dear Parent/Guardian,

It is lovely to be welcoming all the children back to school this term and to begin our road back to normal school life. Over the coming weeks we will be gradually transitioning to normal school systems and procedures. However, we will keep a close watch on any localised COVID outbreaks and take any necessary action in line with Public Health England guidance. If we need to, we will be able to revert back to our COVID procedures as per our risk assessment. We kindly ask that you work with us to take all measures we can to reduce the risk of the spread of COVID forcing us back into having to reinstate these measures.

Protective measures will remain in place in our school, including practising good hygiene, ensuring good ventilation and staff undertaking regular LFD testing to keep staff and pupils safe and minimise the risk of further disruption to children's education. This will be reviewed at the end of September 2021.

We sent you details of arrangements for dropping off and collecting children from Monday 6th September 2021. They are also included in this letter. We request that parents/guardians do not congregate in the school playground but leave quickly so as to avoid having too many people gathered together on the school premises.

If you need to come into the school building to meet a member of staff or to visit the school office, we kindly ask that you phone the office to make an appointment. If you are going to the office, please remain outside if there are two people inside the reception area. You may enter when one person comes out. We also ask that you wear a face covering if you are coming into the school, our office staff have to meet with lots of people throughout the school day and we want to minimise the risk of them catching COVID as they are vital to enabling us to keep the school open fully.

You/your child should not come into school if you/they:

- have symptoms of COVID-19
- have tested positive for COVID-19 on either an LFD or PCR test. If you or your child has a positive COVID-19 test result, you/they should self-isolate in line with the [stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#). You/they will also need to [get a free PCR test to check if they have COVID-19](#). Whilst awaiting the PCR result, you should continue to self-isolate.
- have been instructed to self-isolate as a close contact by NHS Track and Trace or the NHS COVID app, unless exempted (i.e. you are fully vaccinated, someone below the age of 18 years 6 months, you have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial or you are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons)

The isolation period for the positive case following a positive result includes the day symptoms started for the symptomatic person, or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms, whether this was a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test), and the next 10 full days. If a member of your household starts to display symptoms they will need to

start their 10-day isolation period and book a test. In all cases where a person is identified as a close contact, including being a household member, of a positive case (regardless of whether they are required to self-isolate), they are strongly advised to take up the offer of a PCR test. Therefore, if an adult in your home tests positive for COVID and your child does not have symptoms, they should come to school. However, it is strongly advised that they have a PCR test first.

Anyone with any symptoms of COVID-19 or has tested positive for COVID-19 must self-isolate immediately.

School opening time, dropping pupils off — 8.45am

The following pupils will enter through the **Camden Street Main Gate**:

- Nursery pupils — parent/guardian can accompany them to the classroom door
- Reception pupils — parent/guardian can accompany them to the classroom door
- Year 1 pupils — parent/guardian can accompany them to the classroom door
- All other year groups — pupils **with siblings in other classes** only

The following pupils will enter through the **Pitch Gate**:

- Pupils in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 **with no siblings in other classes**

Parents/guardians of pupils from Year 2 upwards do not need to escort their children into the school, just make sure they have come safely through the Camden Street entrance or Pitch Gate.

School closing time, collecting pupils — 3.30pm

The following pupils will exit through the **Camden Street Main Gate**:

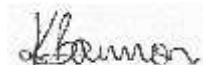
- Nursery pupils—parent/guardian can collect them from the classroom door
- Reception pupils—parent/guardian can collect them from the classroom door
- Year 1 pupils—parent/guardian can collect them from the classroom door
- All other year groups (Year 2,3,4,5 and 6 pupils **with siblings in other classes**)—parents/guardians collect from the Key Stage 1 Playground

The following pupils will exit through the **Pitch Gate**:

- Pupils in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 **with no siblings in other classes** — parents/guardians to collect from the Pitch gate nearest the school and exit through the pitch gate nearest the Community Centre.

We look forward to a new academic without disruption to children's learning. We ask that you work in partnership with us to reduce any risk of the spread of COVID-19 to avoid further disruption. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,



Kathy Bannon

Headteacher