

**02.09.2021****Re: Welcome Back**

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you and your families have had a good summer.

I am just writing to confirm that we haven't received any last-minute guidance or changes from the government in terms of Covid 19 arrangements, so the information that I sent out at the end of the year is still accurate.

We are all very conscious that cases of Covid 19 are still high and that this is going to be something that we now must learn to live with. In school our focus will be on:

**Hygiene:** regular hand washing & continued enhanced cleaning

**Ventilation:** Windows open to ensure ventilation in all areas of school

Classes or 'bubbles' are now free to mix, so we hope that we can return to some sort of normality. However, we will be continuing to take a cautious approach to larger gatherings e.g. Key Stage assemblies rather than whole school assemblies in the first instance.

We also ask that parents continue to use telephone, email and Class Dojo for general queries and only come into school and the office when necessary.

**School will reopen to all pupils from Year 1 – 6 on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

(Pupils in **Nursery** and **Reception** will be returning over several days and should have received confirmation of their start date by email. If you are unsure of your child's start date, please contact the school office).

**A reminder of the information shared at the end of the school year:**

**New Academic Year**

- **Start of the day: 8.45am**

There will be lots of staff around to direct you to the correct door.

**End of the day: 3.15pm** (collect from the same doors)

## Uniform

All pupils must revert to full uniform as explained in the previous letter. (Ties for children in Year 5 and 6 can be purchased from the school office).

## Attendance

Attendance continues to be mandatory, and we will resume our usual systems of promoting and encouraging good attendance. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please inform the school office.

## Covid 19

Children displaying **any of the 3 main Covid symptoms** (high temperature, persistent cough, loss or change to sense of taste or smell) **should be kept away from school and a test arranged**. Other family members should also remain at home to arrange for a test. Please inform school if your child has symptoms or is absent due to needing a test.

Only pupils with confirmed Covid now need to isolate. Close contacts under the age of 18 are no longer required to isolate.

These are still very uncertain times, but we are all hoping for a great year and are looking forward to seeing you next week and welcoming all our pupils back!

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours Sincerely,



Mrs A Gavin (Principal)