

Friday 14th August,

Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to thank you for your patience and support while we phased all our fantastic pupils back to school and nursery. It has been great to see everyone and we are looking forward to the 'new normal' term ahead.

We know some of the measures we have had to implement this session may be inconvenient for our children, families and staff. Change can be challenging but we hope that government guidance will evolve and help us to return to a more flexible way of working while continuing to maintain the health and safety of everyone.

TEST AND PROTECT

With the return of our pupils and staff to school, we have put procedures in place that support all members of the school community if anyone displays symptoms of Covid 19.

A reminder that the symptoms are:

- High temperature or fever
- A new continuous cough
- A loss of, or change in sense of smell or taste

If a pupil displays symptoms, we will contact you to collect your child (please ensure that we have your **most up to date contact details**). The pupil should, if possible, wear a face covering en route and avoid public transport.

You will be asked to follow Test and Protect and we will provide you with a copy of the Test and Protect Leaflet and Step by Step Guide when your child is collected.

Information on the groups of children within the school and the adults that each group of children come in to contact with will be collected. This is to fulfil legal responsibilities for public health and will allow Test and Protect to contact appropriate people in the event of a positive test result.

"In both primary and secondary settings, the preference would always be to avoid large gatherings and crowded spaces and, wherever possible, to keep children and young people within the same groups for the duration of the school day. In giving this advice we recognise the practical challenges. Where possible, timetabling should be reviewed to reduce movement of groups of pupils around the school estate as much as possible." The COVID-19 Advisory Sub-Group on Education and Children's Issues

ARRIVAL AND PICK UP

Please remember we are implementing staggered arrivals and pick up times. Parents/carers have the opportunity to collect their child from the playground in a dedicated zone for their class. This will assist us to maintain 2m distancing and ensure the health and safety of all.

We recognise that some families are collecting multiple children from opposite gates. If this is the case for you we would suggest that you identify which child you wish to collect first while the other/s wait with a member of staff until you arrive at the appropriate exit. We appreciate that this is not convenient for everyone however please understand we must minimise the movement of large groups across the school and need to balance the number of children entering or leaving the premises.

STAGGERED ARRIVAL AND PICK UP – WEEK 17TH AUGUST UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

CLASS	ARRIVAL	PICK-UP	ENTRANCE/EXIT
P1, P2,	8.50am	3.15pm Fri – 12.25pm	MAIN GATE
P4/3, P6S	8.50am	3.15pm Fri – 12.25pm	DARGAI PLACE
P5G, P7W	8.50am	3.15pm Fri – 12.25pm	FRONT GATE SIDE ENTRANCE
CLASS	ARRIVAL	PICK-UP	ENTRANCE/EXIT
P2/1, P3	8.55am	3.20pm Fri – 12.30pm	MAIN GATE
P4, P5H	8.55am	3.20pm Fri – 12.30pm	DARGAI PLACE
P6H, P7R	8.55am	3.20pm Fri – 12.30pm	FRONT GATE SIDE ENTRANCE

PLEASE ARRIVE AS CLOSE TO YOUR ALLOCATED TIME AS POSSIBLE!

Although parents/carers are currently not allowed in the school premises we will endeavour to answer your questions, concerns and queries through email or telephone until government guidance changes.

STAFFING

Congratulations to Mrs Galek and Mrs Sutton who are each expecting their first child. We wish them all the best and can't wait to meet the new babies later in the year.

Once again thank you for your continued support we hope you have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Catrina Macrae
Head Teacher

