

Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all I hope that all families and carers have had some opportunity to have a break and pupils have been able to relax and recharge their batteries. On Monday we are looking forward to welcoming back all year groups for the start of the new school year.

School has been extremely busy during the break completing a number of significant projects such as refurbishment of classrooms, creation of a drama and music studio, installation of fibre optic broadband, solar panels, energy efficient radiators, Wall Art and LED lighting throughout school.

It is important that you are aware of the arrangements school has in place in order to keep all members of the school community as safe as possible. These arrangements are under regular review as guidance from Government, Public Health England is updated.

Summary:

- Staggered arrival departure times.
- School Timetable will run a full curriculum.
- Breaks/Lunch- split Monday- Thursday will be staggered between KS3; KS4 and 5.
- Friday- Breaks/Lunch/Gold star assembly will be whole school.
- Those pupils whose families and carers provided consent, will access a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Test on Monday and Thursday.
- Home Test kits will be provided for all pupils to use to support twice weekly testing on a Monday and Thursday morning before attending school. **Testing remains a recommendation not a requirement.**
- Twice weekly testing will be reviewed by the Government at the end of September.
- There is no requirement to wear masks in school, this is a personal choice.
- Pupils are advised to wear masks when accessing transport to and from school.
- An increased cleaning regime is in place.
- Staff are also requested to observe x 2 weekly testing.
- School has high expectations that the school uniform policy is observed. On a day when a pupil has P.E. they should wear their P.E. kit to school, otherwise school uniform should be worn.

School response in the event of a suspected case of Covid-19.

The most important symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

An information sheet is attached to this letter to inform you of schools response.

NOTE if close contacts do not access PCR - no issues.

School has in place a robust contingency plan that records what the response will be in the event of a suspected or confirmed case of Covid-19. A copy of this and the school Covid-19 risk assessment is on the school website (Coronavirus tab).

Please stay safe and take time to enjoy the weekend.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr McCann**  
Headteacher

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