



Return to school September 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you are all having a wonderful summer break and you have spent some precious family time together.

Today, I have attended a Public Health briefing with the East Riding and we have also received new guidance on the reopening of schools from the Department for Education (DfE). It is evident, particularly in Hull and the East Riding that COVID 19 is still affecting people and the number of cases are very high in the area.

Most of the guidance has now changed meaning that we will no longer have to keep children in bubbles and we will follow the new isolation guidance indicating that only those who test positive will need to isolate. There are still a small number of changes which we will keep longer term as we feel that they have worked well at school as well as a number of protocols we still have to follow.

Staggered start times

We will continue to begin school at staggered times. We have found that this reduces the number of children arriving in school at once and the start of school has been a calmer and more pleasant experience. In a morning, parents will drop children at the school gate and will not be able to access the playground. From Wednesday 8th September, the school gates will open at 8.45am for Key Stage Two children. They should arrive between 8.45am and 8.50am. Their register will close at 8.55am and children arriving after this time will be registered as late and their attendance figure will be affected.

Key Stage one children should once again line up at the front of school for 8.55am. Please do not arrive before 8.50am as this will impact upon the Key Stage Two children arriving. Please line up against the front wall of the school. At 8.55am, Key Stage One staff will greet children and lead them into their classrooms. Key Stage One register will close at 9.00am promptly and children arriving after this time will be registered as late and their attendance figure will be affected.

As we only have one entrance to the school, we will continue to use the one-way system for drop off at the front of the school. We ask that parents and children stick to their timings closely and do not come early or late in order that this system runs smoothly.

At 3.25pm, the main school gate will be opened and parents can move onto the playground to collect their children. School will finish for all children at 3.30pm. Key Stage One parents and carers must ensure that they can be seen by the teachers before their children will be released to them.

Whole school assemblies

Although guidance allows us to once again hold face to face whole school assemblies, we will continue to hold these virtually or within a child's classroom for a little longer. The guidance advises that children should be spread out in a larger room and that is not something which we are able to do within school. We will however, endeavour to hold some whole school assemblies at the Sports Hall where we have much more room.

Self-isolation

If we receive a positive case in school, as per the public health guidance, no one who has been in close contact will have to isolate. This will of course be dealt with on a case-by-case situation and this may change if a large number of positives are received in school at any one time.

PE Sessions

We will once again ask that children come to school in their PE kits on their allocated PE day as follows:

Class 1 – Monday

Class 2 – Wednesday

Class 3 and 4 – Tuesday

The key messages we have received and will still follow are:

- Ensuring good hygiene for all. This includes regular hand cleaning and following the 'Catch it, kill it, bin it' for respiratory hygiene.
- Cleaning regimes in school will continue
- All rooms in school will be well ventilated.
- We will follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases.

Should numbers of cases rise significantly and impact school, local changes may need to be made and we will of course keep you informed of these changes.

Lunches and refreshments

School meals will be available from the start of term. Normal provision for Free School Meals (including Universal school meals for Key Stage 1) will apply. The school hall will continue to be split into classes as this system has worked well.

EVERY child in school **MUST** have their own water bottle which will be sent home daily to be cleaned and refilled.

Uniform

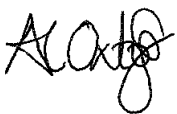
School uniform rules will apply and we ask that these are followed by all children. We have very minimal space in school so we ask that children do not bring large school bags and ensure that they only bring the necessary items with them to school.

Visitors

Visitors will be allowed in school. However, we wish to keep people in school to a minimum where possible so please continue to contact the school using email and telephone. Should you wish to speak with a staff member, this must be arranged via the school office.

As always, I thank you for your continued support now and in the future.

Kind regards



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