



Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Coronavirus Risk Assessment - Autumn Term 2021

We hope everyone is enjoying a restful summer break and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 6th September 2021.

In light of the the lifting of coronavirus restrictions and the latest Government guidance for schools, we are now in a position to update our Risk Assessment. This will continue to prioritise the ongoing education and safety of the children.

The main changes for the Autumn Term include:

- Removing our expectation for parents/carers to wear face coverings when dropping off or picking up their children
- Adjusting the windows time for drop-off and pick-up times. Children will now enter their classrooms between **8.45am** and **8.50am** and pick-up time will be at **3.15pm**
- Removing our one-way system. This means that parents/carers can use the gates on Edensor Road Alexandra Gardens to enter or exit the school premises
- Removing Year Group Bubbles. This means that children can now freely mix with pupils outside their year group. We will also be able to meet in larger groups e.g. for school assemblies

In order to minimise risks and support the NHS given the current rates of transmission, we will be maintaining our rigorous cleaning and hand washing routines. Our staff will be encouraged to take regular Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests and we would encourage our parents/carers to do the same.

We kindly request that all parents and carers continue to do their best to support the school by:

- Arriving at school no earlier than 8.40am in the morning and 3.10pm in the afternoons
- Ensuring that each child is accompanied by no more than one adult
- Avoiding having prolonged close contact with those outside their family group or congregating in larger groups during drop-off and pick-up times
- Encouraging their children to enter their classrooms independently and trying to avoid having lengthy conversations with staff at the classroom doors. (Please contact the school office if you need to share more detailed information with the teachers or if you would like to make an appointment)
- Allowing children in Year 5 and 6 to enter the school and classrooms independently
- Informing the school promptly if their child experiences symptoms of COVID-19 and/or tests positively for COVID-19
- Ensuring that no family member enters the school site if they are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 i.e. a high temperature, a new, continuous cough and a loss or change to their sense of smell or test

It is important to note that adults who have been fully vaccinated and everyone under the age of 18 ½ are no longer required to self-isolate if they have had close contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19. They will however be advised to take a coronavirus test.

A full copy of our most recent Risk Assessment can be found on our website under the 'Parents' tab and then 'Arrangements for the Autumn Term'

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support,

Yours sincerely,

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