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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a good summer break and ready for the start of the new school year on Monday 6th September. As we prepare to welcome back all pupils, I want to share with you some of the latest guidance and information issued by the DfE and W.C.C. and how this affects the school.

As you are aware many of the Covid restrictions were lifted on 16th August and we have reviewed our Risk Assessment plan and Local Restrictions in line with current advice.

As a minimum, it is still expected that Educational Settings will continue to:

- Promote full vaccination of all staff, alongside promoting vaccination among appropriate pupils and parents.
- Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
- Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
- Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

(Please note that from the 16th August 2021 onwards, close contacts who have had both doses of vaccination (more than 14 clear days prior to date of exposure to case) and those aged under 18 years and 6 months will **not be required** to self-isolate (unless they are symptomatic or test positive), but will be asked to take a PCR test. They will also continue to be asked to consider continuing with twice weekly LFT testing, limiting their social contact, and wearing face coverings in indoor public spaces. Please see the flow chart attached to this letter.)

Our aim is to begin to put in procedures that will help with our return to the normal functioning of the school. We want to do this gradually to avoid Covid outbreaks. Our routines from September are changing as per the following:

- Doors open for all pupils at 8.45 and close at 8.55.
- All pupils will enter through the main entrance except for Years 5 and 6 who will continue to enter through the Wraparound gate. EYFS/Nursery will enter through their designated gates.

- All pupils will be collected at 3.15 from the Year 1 and 2 exit door and the main entrance door for KS2. EYFS/Nursery will be collected from their designated gates.
- Face masks will not be required while on the school grounds (you may wish to continue to use a face mask for personal reasons).
- Parents/ Carers will continue to stay outside of the school building and not allowed in to school to keep contact down to a minimum. Reception and Nursery will have a member of staff available on the EYFS/Nursery playgrounds to receive children.
- Visitors to school will be on appointment only.
- Communication must go through the office (not through TEAMS) and appointments can be made with teachers and times will be allocated for meetings.
- A separate letter will be sent to Nursery parents and please keep looking at the Tapestry memo section for updates.
- Children will not be kept in their bubbles while in school but we will minimise movement between bubbles initially to ensure a safe start.
- Wraparound will be available from 8.45 to 6.00 - contact the office if you need this support.

As with any stepping down of restrictions, if a Covid outbreak occurs then restrictions may need to be stepped back up again and I will share this with you if this happens.

Positive cases in the Bedworth area are always higher than the rest of Warwickshire and PHE are supporting the school with the implementation of our Outbreak Management Plan. We do not want the children's learning interrupted and expect that all children will attend school unless they have tested positive for Covid. We would still ask that you keep your children off school if they are unwell - in line with normal school illness practices.

So we hope to have a cautious step back to normality from September and will keep our procedures under constant review. I will keep you fully informed of any developments through our weekly newsletter and the website. We are all looking forward to welcoming everyone back on 6th September so enjoy the last few days of the break.

Many thanks

Christine Browne

Headteacher: Mrs C Browne

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ISOLATION PERIODS, DEFINITIONS OF CLOSE CONTACT AND INFECTIOUS PERIOD FOR COVID-19

- ❖ Positive person: isolate from **day symptoms started/day of test (if no symptoms) and for the next 10 full days AND until well and fever free for 48 hours**
- ❖ Identify **ALL** close contacts in infectious period (see below definitions) – all to isolate for **10 full days after day of last contact with case, unless exempt (see below)**
- ❖ **Exception: positive cases and contacts** who are residents/patients in care homes/hospitals/anyone discharged who receives care - to isolate for **14 days (cases and contacts)**
- ❖ **Exemptions from self-isolation as a close contact (except health and care workers):**
 - ❖ *Fully vaccinated - i.e. more than 14 clear days after day of second dose of UK COVID-19 vaccination*
 - ❖ *Under 18 years and 6 months*
 - ❖ *Part of COVID-19 vaccine clinical trial or medically exempt from vaccination (seek separate advice)*
 - ❖ *Those exempt should undertake a PCR test, regular twice weekly lateral flow testing, limit social contact and wear a face covering*
 - ❖ *Note the above exemption rules are not the same for health and care workers (separate guidance has been issued)*
- ❖ Follow "[Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed COVID-19](#)" guidance

DEFINITIONS

CLOSE CONTACTS	INFECTIOUS PERIOD
Direct physical contact (any duration)	If symptomatic: 2 clear days before day on which symptoms start – and for 10 days after
Face-to-face contact under 1m (any duration)	
Close contact under 1m for 1 minute or more	No symptoms: 2 clear days before the day of the test – to 10 days after
1-2m for 15 minutes or more (cumulative over 24 hrs)	
Travel in a vehicle	