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“Learning together. Achieving together.”

Thursday 26th August

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you and your families are well and that you have managed to find some normality during these last few weeks. This letter is just to remind you of the arrangements for the start of term along with any current updates. No doubt you are aware of the many discussions in the media about schools re-opening, exam results, u-turns, face coverings, test and trace – the list goes on. The bottom line is that school will re-open for all our children starting next Wednesday 2nd September.

Our local authority has provided us with some guidance on face coverings. This may mean that in some circumstances staff may wear face coverings at times in the school building. The current advice for children in primary school settings is that they **should not** be worn.

Public Health England, North West, have provided us with further guidance on the management of a confirmed case. In the event of a positive confirmed case of COVID-19 in school we will work with the contact tracer service to identify direct and close contacts of the case 48 hours prior to the child or member of staff falling ill. This is likely to be the classmates and teacher/teaching assistants of that class. All direct and close contacts will be excluded from school and advised to self-isolate for 14 days starting from the day they were last in contact with the case. For example, if the case tests positive on Thursday and was last in school on the previous Monday the first day of the 14-day period is on the Monday. Household members of contacts do not need to self-isolate unless the contact develops symptoms. Arrangements will be made for children to continue learning from home.

We should re-iterate that the importance of parents/guardians social distancing when arriving at school to pick up and drop off children, whether that is within the school grounds or outside the school gates. Only one parent/guardian should be present and should aim to arrive at the allotted entrance as close as possible to the expected time and leave as soon as possible afterwards.

Other things to note:

- The overarching principle we still need to apply is to reduce the number of contacts between children and staff.
- Children will be in their class groups throughout the day, including at lunchtimes and playtimes, where they will have their own separate areas.
- In most classes the desks will be forward facing with the children sitting in rows facing the front.
- Children do not have to socially distance from each other within their bubble, although they will be encouraged to do so
- Staff will be expected to limit their contact with the children and other adults.
- There will be regular handwashing throughout the day using soap and water or hand sanitiser.
- Extra hand sanitisers units have been strategically attached to walls outside all classroom doors.
- The adults working with the children will remain consistent, although there is room in the guidance to allow for staff to work with different classes, which will allow for PPA cover to be similar to how it has been in the past.
- Our intention to provide a broad and balanced curriculum over the year, assessing where any gaps may lie, but recognise that, particularly at the beginning of term, children will need help adjusting to being back at school.
- There will be a focus on children’s emotional well-being.

Before and after school care

Thank you to all the parents who responded to our request for places in our Before and After School Club. The club will operate from the school hall in two bubbles from 7.30am - until start of the school day and from end of the school day until 6pm. One bubble will use the main school entrance for drop off and pick up and the other bubble will use the rear hall door entrance in the car park. We will notify you in due course as to which bubble your child will be in. The guidance does give us leeway to operate the club with children from different year groups. However, this will mean that there is a greater chance of your child needing to self-isolate because they will be in more than one bubble during the day – i.e. their class bubble and their out of school club bubble. As a last resort, the club or half the club may also have to close at short notice.

Contact details for the club:

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Karen Mellors – Manager

Email : wosc@waverton.cheshire.sch.uk

Other reminders:

Arrangements and timings for start of term

Year Group	Drop off time	Pick up Time	Entrance/drop off/pick up
Reception	9am	3pm	Reception Gate
Year 1	8.45am	2.45pm	Reception Gate
Year 2	9am	3pm	Egg Bridge Lane Gate Drop off/pick up area marked on the playground
Year 3	8.45am	3.10pm	Village Hall Gate Drop off/pick up at top of slope next to bike racks
Year 4	9.05am	3.30pm	Egg Bridge Lane Gate Drop off/pick up area marked on the playground
Year 5	8.55am	3.20pm	Drop off/Pick up at Village Hall Gate
Year 6	8.45am	3.10pm	Drop off/Pick up at Egg Bridge Gate

Some common questions:

Do I have to send my children to school?

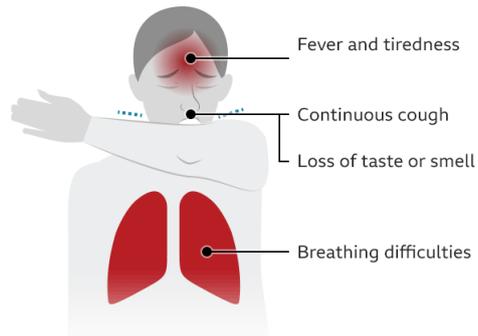
Yes. Government has said that attendance is compulsory. However, if you are unsure and have questions, please contact us.

What happens if somebody has symptoms or needs a test?

You can't be in school. This is a key measure for keeping our school safe. We will ask you get a test from Public Health England if your child has symptoms. You can book this below: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-an-antigen-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

Key symptoms are:

Coronavirus: Key symptoms



**7
days**

The person with symptoms must self isolate for 7 days.



**14
days**

The people they live with must self isolate for 14 days.



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days**

**If anyone in a class tests positive, the whole class will likely be asked to self isolate for 14 days.
If there is more than one positive test Public Health will advise the school on whether wider closure is required.**

We are all very much looking forward to seeing the children again. I will write to you all again next week with further updates. I hope you all enjoy what is left of the summer and the Bank Holiday weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Talbot
Headteacher