

Wednesday 19th May 2021

Re: Updated Guidance from DfE 17/05/21

Dear Parents/Carers,

In relation to the changes announced last week by the Department for Education affecting schools, please be advised that the latest risk assessment has been reviewed and agreed with staff and governors. These are in line with the recommended operational guidance for schools and has now been uploaded to the school website.

As previously stated the most significant change in the latest guidance relates to face coverings inside secondary schools. There are some other updates, including school trips and wraparound care, and we are in the process of reviewing these with staff and governors to determine what changes we are able to make.

We have made a couple of minor operational changes with regard to the follow areas which will take affect after half term;

- Playtime
 - All children will now have the same playtime, however they will remain in bubbles and be in separate areas of the playground.
- Lunchtime
 - Children will still eat in separate bubbles inside but will have lunchtime play together in bubbles in separate areas of the playground.
- Book Bags/Reading Records
 - These can now be brought in daily to facilitate increased reading for all children.
- Transition Day
 - BC have advised at this stage that the county wide transition day will go ahead. This will mean that our bubble system will be compromised and we are reviewing operational plans for the last two of term once we receive further guidance from the DfE and BC.



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We are hoping to offer a full program of events next half term including sports day. As we are unsure of the changes that will be made in June, we are currently planning two scenarios. All other measures we have in place will remain for the time being. I would encourage you to continue to follow our current guidance and where possible, as already advised, continue to wear face coverings at drop off and pick up.

We are grateful, as always, for your continued understanding of the difficulties we face in running a small school in these circumstances and we appreciate your kindness and ongoing support.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me,

Yours sincerely,

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