

31st August 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you have had a lovely summer break and have been able to spend some quality time with your loved ones.

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back on Thursday. As you prepare for the return to school, I thought it would be useful to resend the letter that went out just before the holiday, with reminders about what you need to know about the new school year - please see attached.

In relation to our COVID-19 risk assessment, I can now clarify some aspects of school life that are able to change now we are returning to a more normal way of working:

- class bubbles are no longer required and children can mix freely in class, meaning that they can do more collaborative work and practical activities
- lunch will be eaten in the halls again, rather than classrooms - there will only be one or two year groups eating in each hall at any one time
- children will meet in person for assemblies now - these will be limited to two year groups together currently, with whole school assemblies still being virtual, through our Google Classroom
- indoor PE lessons can resume, with an emphasis on gentle activities to reduce possible air transmission of COVID-19
- extra- curricular clubs can resume - details to follow shortly
- scooters and bicycles can be left in the bike sheds during the day.

We are excited to be able to operate with less restrictions. However, we are ever mindful that COVID-19 remains a significant issue for us all so we must continue to reduce the risk to our school community. We will continue to be rigorous with regards to:

- ensuring good personal hygiene for all, through regular hand washing and catch it, bin it, kill it
- increased cleaning of high-touch surfaces and areas, resources and furniture
- ensuring there is adequate ventilation in all areas used for teaching and learning.

We will no longer ask everyone to wear face coverings when on the premises. However, we ask that you do wear a face mask if you are a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 whilst you are waiting for your PCR result, in case you test positive too.

I hope that you now have the information that you need to feel confident about your child's return to school. If you have additional questions, please contact your child's teacher, via the year group email, or the office, via the school email. Staff will be in school on Wednesday should you need to ring in order to talk to someone in person.

The staff team look forward to seeing you and your child on Thursday 2nd September between 8.40-8.50am. I hope you enjoy the last few days of the holiday.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sansom, Headteacher