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Executive Headteacher: Mrs S Henney

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all had a lovely, peaceful summer break and found time to rest and relax together.

I wanted to provide you with an important update regarding school arrangements this term. As you will know, the country has now moved to Step 4 of the roadmap, and this marks a new phase in the government's response to the pandemic; moving away from stringent restrictions on everyone's day-to-day lives, towards advising people on how to protect themselves and others, alongside targeted interventions to reduce risk. It is now imperative to reduce the disruption to children and young people's education - particularly given that the direct clinical risks to children are extremely low, and every adult has been offered their vaccination.

Therefore, as a federation, it is our priority is to deliver face-to-face, high quality education to all pupils whilst still putting in place proportionate control measures and adhering to our risk assessment, which has been updated, in line with the new government guidance, and shared with all staff.

This letter contains some important information regarding how school will be and what safety measures we will put in place to keep our school community as safe as possible.

### **Bubbles**

We will no longer be operating in bubbles and we will be able to resume whole school activities such as worship, break times, competitions, and other activities where the children are expected to mix with children from other year groups. We will therefore, only have 1 lunchtime (between 11:50 – 1:00pm) and the children will be able to enjoy playtime with children from other year groups.

### **Start/finish times and year group drop off/pick up locations**

As emailed yesterday, a list of drop off and pick times as below. Staff will collect children from the car park at 8.45am, so it is very important that all children are here by this point please.

#### **Drop off times**

Class 4 - 8:45am. Children to be dropped off in the car park as previously

Class 3 - 8:45am. Children to be dropped off in the car park as previously

Class 2 - 8:50am. Children to be dropped off in the car park as previously

Class 1 (Nursery & Reception) - 8:50am. Children to be dropped off on the pathway that leads up to the Early Years building as previously

#### **Pick up times**

Class 1 (Nursery & Reception) - 3:00pm. Children to be collected from the pathway that leads up to the Early Years building as previously

Class 2 - 3:05pm. Children to be collected from the car park as previously

Class 3 & 4 - 3:10pm. Children to be collected from the car park as previously





Children arriving after 9:00am will be recorded as 'late'. As we start a new year, we want to establish good routines once again and so there will be a focus on ensuring that children arrive to school on time. This gives children a smooth start to the school day and also ensures that the rest of the class are not disrupted.

### **Uniform**

PE day will remain on a Tuesday for the whole school. Children will need to come to school dressed in their PE kits as last term. School uniform is ordered and paid for online from School

Trends <https://www.schooltrends.co.uk>

All uniform ordered on line will have the school logo printed except the school book bags. Logo printed book bags are available to purchase from school if required; Classic Book Bag £6.50 or Essential Book Bag £4.50.

### **Self-isolation**

Children under the age of 18 years old are no longer required to self-isolate and schools are no longer required to play a role in identifying close contacts. Instead, children will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. This means that if there is a positive case in any of our classes, other children will not be asked to self-isolate for 10 days, as they had been before the summer holidays. Also, individuals are not required to self-isolate whilst waiting for their test result.

### **Face coverings**

Face coverings are no longer advised, but we still ask, however, that you wear a face covering if you need to come into the school office.

### **Control measures**

Below are some control measures that we will put in place here at school in line with the government guidance:

1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone.

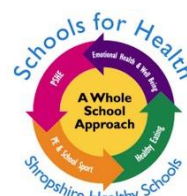
We will continue to ensure that our children wash or sanitise their hands frequently and we will continue to promote the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.

2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes

We will continue to maintain our regular cleaning schedule, with a particular focus on frequently touched surfaces.

3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated

When school is in operation, we will continue to ensure it is well ventilated whilst still maintaining a comfortable teaching environment.





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**4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19**

We will continue to follow Public Health advice. Therefore, if your child develops any one of the COVID-19 symptoms (a high temperature, new continuous cough or new loss or change in sense of taste/smell), they must not attend school and should get a PCR test to confirm whether they have contracted the virus. If a child develops one of these symptoms while in school, we would contact you immediately to arrange collection.

**5. Asymptomatic testing**

Our staff are advised to undertake twice weekly home tests until the end of September, when this will also be reviewed.

We are all thoroughly looking forward to returning to a more normal looking school from September, one where we can enjoy community events, invite you all into school and allow the children to mix more freely, as they should be able to do at school. More about our plans to follow!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs S Henney.**  
**Executive Headteacher.**

