

17th May 2021

Dear all,

Covid Update May 2021

Thank you once again for all of your feedback regarding what has worked well in 'Covid times'. It's been a great opportunity to reflect on practice and to make changes where possible. The purpose of this letter is two-fold. Firstly, we want to share what restrictions we are easing next and we also want to inform you of the permanent changes we will make to practice following your feedback.

The next steps in easing restriction – effective from after half term – 7th June	
'bubbles'	We will run Key Stage bubbles. Currently pupils' social times are held in Key Stages with Year group designated areas. KS2 = Year 5 and 6 KS3 = Year 7 and 8 After the half term they will be able to mix within their Key Stage.
'Multiple bubble' scenario/explanation	Pupils will never be in more than 3 bubbles: Bubble 1: Key Stage bubble Bubble 2: Am/pm club (sign up only) Bubble 3: After school sport club
Start and end of day	The morning bell will ring at 8.25am with the expectation that all KS2 pupils are in their classrooms by 8.35am and KS3 pupils are in their classroom by 8.40am. Due to the full timetable we have some important morning activities such as spelling during tutor time that all pupils need to complete. Pupils arriving later than 8.40am will gain a late mark. Three marks within a week will result in an after-school detention where they can catch up on their missed learning. KS2 will finish at 3.00pm KS3 will finish at 3.10pm
Drop off and collection arrangements	The car park will remain closed in the afternoons to ensure the safety of the pupils and to prevent adults from parking up to collect. We do however recognise the increased traffic during peak times in the morning and the surrounding roads becoming hazardous therefore we will open the car park in the morning for drop off only. This will mean you must use the drop off zone if you are dropping a child off in the car park and not park up in any of the bays. We ask that you drop off your child promptly and safely. There will be a review period to inform our future decisions around the use of the school car park.
Wrap around care	Morning Club We will be providing morning club from 8am-8.25am. This will be held in the school hall for KS3 and atrium for KS2 which can be accessed via the school office.

	<p>After School Club</p> <p>After School club will be available Mon – Thurs from 3.05pm- 4.30pm and on a Friday it will finish at 4pm. Your child must already be booked into the after-school provision. Please collect your child via the School Office or ensure they know the arrangements e.g. if they are to cycle or walk home at the end of the club.</p> <p>In order to secure a place parents will need to book in advance. All places for the Summer term have been booked and allocated.</p>
School clubs	<p>After School Sports clubs will continue to run from 3.05pm- 4.15pm. In the event of adverse weather conditions, we will have to cancel clubs. We will always aim to give as much notice as possible so alternative arrangements can be made.</p> <p>Monday- Year 7 Cricket Wednesday- KS2 Rounders, Year 6 Athletics Thursday- Year 8 Cricket Friday- KS3 Athletics</p> <p>All clubs are limited to 30 spaces, these have been allocated for the summer term.</p>
Shared space and movement around the site	<p>Library and ICT room</p> <p>The Library and ICT room will be open for year groups to use during class time as well as at breaktimes and lunchtimes. Only one year group will access at any one time and they will continue to be wiped down after use.</p> <p>Morning and Afterschool club</p> <p>Morning club and Afterschool club will run in the school hall, atrium and room 11. This will be a shared space by children in this bubble. Cleaners will be on site throughout the day and will clean between use.</p>
Classroom set up	<p>Windows and doors will be open to allow ventilation throughout the classroom.</p> <p>Children will continue to have their own pencil cases and resources to avoid unnecessary sharing of items.</p> <p>With the movement of KS3 we have brought some drawers back into classroom but removed all extraneous furniture to reduce surface space.</p>
Breaks & lunches	<p>Key stages will mix at social times. KS2 and KS3 will have staggered break times.</p>
Music lessons	<p>There will be no peri lessons this term. Sadly, due to the number of those interested we were not able to logistically offer this safely. KS3 will continue to have provision provided by Soundstorm.</p>
Curriculum	<p>We have resumed our full curriculum, with pupils focusing on learning the key knowledge in the National Curriculum subjects they should currently be studying for their year group.</p>
Home Learning	<p>When a pupil is required to isolate, they will access remote learning through Google Classrooms. The initial two days of learning will be accessible immediately and will focus on key skills across the subjects. From day three, home learning will mirror learning in school and will be scheduled daily on Google Classrooms.</p>
School uniform	<p>School uniform to be worn. This does not need to be cleaned more than usual. Pupils will be able to come into school in their PE kit on days when PE lessons are scheduled as they will not be able to change on site PE Days.</p> <p>KS2 – Tuesday and Wednesday KS3 – Monday, Thursday and Friday</p> <p>Pupils will be able to wear trainers until July 2021 and then black plain trainers from September 2021. This will continue to be under review and we do ask that they are all black with small logos.</p>

<p>Equipment</p>	<p>Lunchboxes Children will be able to bring lunch boxes into school. We ask where possible these are plastic rather than fabric in order to support with ease of wiping down each day. Should you wish to continue with paper bags, then please do so. Your child will be able to either throw or bring home their bag each day.</p> <p>Water bottles Water bottles will now come home daily with your child to be washed at home.</p> <p>Stationery We will continue to supply stationery in school and invoice you via ParentPay this will be at cost and be available for the pupils daily should they be missing equipment. If you wish to replenish your child's stationery stock elsewhere and send them in with the appropriate equipment needed for learning you are more than welcome as they will now have a bag that they can take to and from school.</p> <p>Bags Pupils in KS3 have recently been using drawstring bags to be able to carry their equipment and lunch bags from lesson to lesson. We have found these to be a suitable size for the equipment they need daily, small enough so that they are not 'bulky' within the corridors and fit nicely on the back of their chairs in classrooms. We therefore will be happy to re-introduce the use of bags to and from school but we do request that pupils only use a drawstring bag. These can be purchased at a low cost from school and be paid for via parent pay or you are welcome to purchase your own. We ask that these are black or navy blue.</p> <p>Mobile Phones Pupils will be expected to turn off their phone on arrival to school site and place in the class box at the beginning of the day and collect at the end of the school day. These will be stored safely and reduce congestion at the school office at the end of the school day.</p> <p>Cloakrooms/Lockers Cloakrooms and lockers will continue to be out of use.</p>
<p>Visitors</p>	<p>We will be beginning to invite a small number of parent volunteers into school from Monday 7th June. Each parent will be assigned to a year group and will support hearing children read. All visitors will be asked to wear a mask and adhere to social distancing, keeping a 2m distance from the children.</p> <p>All appointments need to continue to be booked in advance.</p>

<p>COVID Keepers- September 2021 Following your feedback, we have decided to continue with the below for the next academic year.</p>	
<p>Trainers</p>	<p>As part of the feedback received we had a huge amount of support for pupils wearing trainers over school shoes. We recognise that pupils continue to play and engage in sports at social times and trainers are more suitable for this. Therefore, a decision was made to include a trainer option within our new uniform for a trial period of one year. We need to insist that these are a plain black trainer with no white soles, coloured logos or stripes. As of September 2021, children can choose whether to wear school shoes or a plain all-black trainer. This will be under review for the academic year of 2021 – 2022.</p>
<p>PE Kits</p>	<p>Children will come into school in their PE Kits on PE days, this will be twice a week for both Key Stages from September 2021. We do expect that all pupils are in the appropriate PE kit and on potentially wet days bring an additional dry t-shirt and pair of socks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Black shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms

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Cloakrooms/ Lockers	<p>We have found that pupils have responded positively to not having a cloakroom or locker to store their items, less things have gone missing, there has been less incidents at the start and end of the school day (that often occur in the cloakroom), the KS3 corridors are less congested and we have been able to use the cloakroom areas as intervention space in KS3.</p> <p>Therefore, in September 2021 we will be removing the lockers from KS3, we will provide some pegged areas for occasions when it is wet and they need a space to hang their coats and in KS2 we will only use cloakrooms on wet days when coats are needed to be hung up.</p>

Yours sincerely,



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