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Dear Parents and Carers

As you may know from the recent update by Gavin Williamson, Secretary of State for Education, the Government has advised all Primary Schools, apart from those in the most affected areas of England, to return to school as usual on Monday 4th January 2021. Therefore, we look forward to welcoming all of our pupils back across our schools for lessons with full attendance as usual. We would also like to take this opportunity to share with you our increased safety measures and expectations for families, pupils and staff on return due to the surge in the new variant.

What precautions are in place to keep children and adults safe?

- Risk assessments completed that meet government, public health and union guidance
- Risk assessments shared on our school websites
- Signage and instructions placed around buildings to ensure staff and pupils follow guidance
- Classes remain in "bubbles" of consistent rooms, resources, staff and pupils within each bubble to minimise cross contamination
- Separate entrances and play spaces for these bubbles so staff and pupils do not come into contact with each other
- Personal classroom equipment to use on a daily basis with dedicated table space for every child
- Hand Sanitising to ensure we clean our hands more often than usual in addition to frequent and increased hand washing
- Increased cleaning during the day on frequently touched surfaces
- Not allowing visitors, other than staff, on the school premises
- Propping doors and windows open to increase ventilation through the day and to limit use of door handles
- Staggering arrival and departure at school
- Ensuring dinner is taken in the bubble classroom or hall space.
- Reduced transportation of resources between home and school

What will drop off and pick-up look like?

- We are asking **adults to wear face coverings and MUST keep 2m from other adults** not in your household (as per Tier 4 guidance)
- Only one adult will be allowed to bring the child to school
- Please arrive at your allotted time (**and no earlier**) and leave promptly
- Socially distancing on the way to and from school will be essential
- Continuation of separate bubble spaces and start times to minimise contact
- Handwashing on arrival for all staff and pupils
- Parents and carers will not be allowed into our buildings unless there is an emergency where safety outweighs infection risk



What should we do if we have symptoms or a positive result?

- *Keep your children at home with any Covid Symptoms and arrange a test*
- *Inform us immediately of a positive test result within your family so we can take action*
- *DO NOT come onsite if you have symptoms. Instead isolate with your family and arrange a test*
- *If you have had a test, stay at home isolating until it is negative- call us for help if you need it*

The NHS says the main Covid-19 symptoms are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- the loss of, or change to, your sense of taste or smell

If a child shows these symptoms, they - and other members of their household - should self-isolate for 10 days and get tested if possible.

Where can I get support from for myself and my family?

- *Call school for advice or support as we can help with a wide range of need*
- *Use these national and local links to access more up to date information and support*

Covid 19

<https://heachamgrouppractice.nhs.uk/digitalpractice/covid-19-support-room/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Finance

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/care-support-and-health/support-for-living-independently/money-and-benefits/norfolk-assistance-scheme>

Health and safety – including Mental Health for Adults and Children

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/emotional-health>

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/staying-safe/staying-safe-around-others/domestic-abuse>

Behaviour and Parenting Courses

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/childhood-development-additional-needs/behaviour-sleep/understanding-your-childs-behaviour>

Thank you for your patience, understanding and continued support.

Kind regards,



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