



5th November 2020

Dear Parent/Carers,

COVID Update

Yesterday afternoon the Government issued new COVID-19 guidance for schools which we must implement from Monday 9th November. This will cover the period whilst England is in the second national lockdown.

Who should attend school

- All children are expected to continue to attend school unless:
 - They have had an official shielding letter from the hospital or their doctor because they are extremely clinically vulnerable.
 - They need to self-isolate because the child or someone they live with has symptoms of COVID-19.
 - You have been advised by Track and Trace or Public Health England that your child needs to self-isolate because they have been in recent contact with someone that has tested positive.
 - They have another illness which makes them too unwell to come to school.

Breakfast Club

- Breakfast club can continue to remain open.

After school clubs

- We are not allowed to have any extra-curricular after school clubs.
- **Unfortunately, this means that we need to cancel all the clubs that were due to start on Monday 9th November.**
- We know that this will be very disappointing for the children that were looking forward to starting clubs again but we must follow the guidance from the Government on this.
- The office will process refunds over the coming weeks. As this needs to be done through ParentPay, we are not able to make refunds instantly but aim to have all refunds paid by 4th December.

Bikeability Year 5 + Year 6

- We will need to postpone bikeability that was due to start on 16th November until after the national lockdown has ended.
- This means that bikeability will take place in the Spring term at the earliest

Swimming Lessons

- Schools are not able to go to leisure centres for swimming lessons.
- We will update you as and when South Reading Leisure Centre reopens for schools.





Face masks

- Pupils in primary schools should not wear face masks in school.
- Pupils who wear them for travelling to and from school are advised to remove them when they arrive and store them in a small plastic bag which can be sealed.
- Teachers in primary schools do not routinely need to wear face masks.
- Pupils will see some staff wearing clear plastic face visors around the school as we have a number of staff who are clinically vulnerable.

Protective measures

We will continue to do everything that we can to protect the pupils and staff and their health and well-being remain a priority for us. As part of this, we will of course continue with all the protective measures that we already have in place including:

- Staggered start and end of day times for different year groups
- Pupils keeping in their year group bubbles inside and on the playground
- Handwashing six times a day during the school day
- Cleaning throughout the school day as well as at the end of the school day
- All desks in classrooms forward facing to minimise face to face talk and contact
- Social distancing when moving around the school – communal areas are marked with 2m tape around the school.
- A 'no touch' policy for pupils in classes and on the playground
- Some year groups eating in classrooms to reduce the number of children in the dining hall
- Pupils having their own stationery kits to use in class
- Only 3 pupils allowed into the toilets at any one time
- Cleaning of all playground equipment, classroom resources, laptops and ipads after they have been used
- Pupils not being allowed to bring in any toys or non-essential items from home

I know as we again move into a period of restrictions and uncertainty, this can be an anxious time for some children and families. If you feel your child is feeling particularly worried or anxious about COVID-19 and the current situation, please do let us know so that we can support them in school.

Yours sincerely,

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