



3 September 2021

Dear Parents

Welcome back to school! I hope that you have enjoyed a safe and restful summer with your family. All staff are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September**. We are following the Department for Education's operational guidance for school which means that:

- The children will no longer be working in 'class bubbles'.
- The classes will be mixing at break times in the playground
- The children will be served a cooked lunch in the dining hall
- We will revert to the usual school day of **8.55am – 3.10pm (Infant School) and 8.50am – 11.50am & 12.05pm – 3.05pm (Nursery)**
- The children will resume assemblies in the school hall
- The after-school clubs will restart for children in Year 1 & 2
- Children under the age of 18 who are close contacts of positive cases will no longer have to self-isolate. You may be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informing you that your child has been in close contact with a person who has tested positive and will be strongly advised to take a PCR test.

We will continue with our existing control measures:

- Ensure good hygiene for everyone. The existing handwashing routine and use of sanitiser will continue throughout the day.
- We will maintain our daily cleaning regimes with particular emphasis on frequently touched surfaces.
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
- Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19
- If anyone in school develops COVID-19 symptoms, we will call parents to pick up their child and follow public health advice. Your child will move to remote learning.
- **Children, staff and other adults must not come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test or other reasons requiring them to stay at home (e.g. if they are required to quarantine)**
- Staff will continue to undertake twice weekly the home test until advised otherwise.



We will, of course, keep you informed should the government guidance change during the Autumn term. Hopefully, there will be less disruption to the children's education this academic year and I look forward to following their progress in learning. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'S. Ottens'.

Susanne Ottens

Headteacher