

## Returning to School in September 2021 FAQ

We look forward to welcoming you all back on **Thursday 2nd September 2021**. As far as possible, the school will return to pre-COVID routines. However, there are still some measures in place that will affect the way the school operates. Please read the information below.

**When will school start and end?** Start and end times will revert to pre-COVID. The gates will open at 8:45am and children must be in school for registration by 8:55am. School will finish at 3:20pm.

**Will parents and carers still be required to wear face masks in the playground when dropping off/collecting children?** Yes. Although the overall requirement has been dropped in most instances, masks should still be considered when there are people who do not normally attend the school in congested areas. Therefore, we do ask that visiting adults wear masks when on the school grounds unless exempt.

**Will the children still be in class bubbles?** No. Classes are no longer required to stay in separate bubbles. Mixed activities such as assemblies and afterschool clubs will take place as they did pre-COVID. Staff will ensure that areas are well-ventilated and regularly sanitised. Contingency plans are in place in case of an outbreak.

**Will classes still have to isolate if there is a confirmed case?** No. In the event of a positive case, individuals identified as close contact will no longer have to self-isolate. Individuals who test positive are still required to self-isolate.

**What happens if a family member tests positive?** If somebody in your family tests positive, there is no need for your child to isolate. People in close contact with that person should carry out regular lateral flow tests. Children should only isolate if they test positive.

**Will staff still carry out regular Lateral Flow Testing?** Yes. Adults will continue to carry out LFT twice per week.

**Will a full curriculum be taught or will catching up on missed learning from the last lockdown take priority?** The school will return to teaching a full curriculum. However, children identified as needing extra help to catch up will receive interventions. These will not take place during lessons so children will not miss out on other subjects.

**Further Information:** If you have any further questions, please contact the school. Your child's class teacher will be sending out the curriculum newsletter on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September with information specific to their class such as days for PE and homework expectations.