

Dear Parent/Carer

As we look forward to seeing you all again next week, we have been busy preparing for the return of our pupils. I am sure you will have many questions about how we will be keeping everyone safe from infection and transmission, especially as there have been relaxations to the requirements over the summer months.

The following information is a summary of guidance we have received from the government and from Rochdale Council:

If a child has symptoms of COVID-19, they must isolate and book a PCR test. Siblings with no symptoms do not need to isolate and must still attend school as normal. Parents/carers who have had both vaccine jabs and who do not have symptoms do not need to isolate.

If the child's PCR test result is positive, they must continue to isolate for ten days from the start of their symptoms. Siblings and fully vaccinated parents/carers do not need to isolate but are encouraged to take a PCR test themselves

Additionally, we are lifting the requirement to bring packed lunches in a disposable bag. Children can now return to bringing in their lunchboxes each day. However, children are going to continue to come to school in PE kit on their PE day – your child's class teacher will let them know what day this is.

Although these relaxations to the requirements have been introduced by the government, we want to assure you that we will be maintaining our enhanced cleaning and sanitisation measures, including regular sanitation of classrooms and equipment, frequent hand washing, use of hand sanitiser, and limited mixing of year groups and bubbles.

If there is an increase in the infection rate in school or in the local area, we will be re-introducing some measures to help keep everyone safe and well.

We must also remember that there are still people in the school and the local area who are more vulnerable to infection, and therefore we must all try to maintain measures such as social distancing and mask wearing wherever possible – remember, no-one is safe until we are all safe.

There will be some changes to the drop-off and pick-up arrangements from next week. All pupils and parents must now use the entrances on Ann Street. Due to safety considerations, the entrance from the church car park will not be in use. Staff will be available to guide and direct you to the correct areas in the morning and at home time.

Yours sincerely



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