

1<sup>st</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers of children in **Year 1 to Year 6**

We are looking forward to seeing all children back at school tomorrow, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. We hope you have all had a restful and enjoyable summer. Below are a few reminders which I hope will make the start of the new school year as smooth as possible:

### **The start of the day**

Children must be dropped off between 8.40 and 9 am. Children in year 1 must be taken to their classroom and handed to their class teacher. Children in years 2 to 6 can be dropped at Woodfield Gate or the steps at Poolsford Gate where a member of staff will be on duty. The school gates will close at 9 am sharp, so when dropping off your children make sure you allow plenty of time to leave the school premises. Any child arriving after 9 am will have to go through the main office and will be recorded as late.

### **The end of the day**

The school gates will be open every day at 3 pm. Children will be dismissed at 3.15 pm and not before. Children in Years 1 and 2 can be collected from their classroom; years 3 and 4 from the courts; and years 5 and 6 from the field. Year 6 children can be independent travellers if their parents wish, and we consider safe. Please contact the school office and they will send you the Independent Traveller form.

### **The new tree house, trim trail and pirate ship**

Thanks to our wonderful PSA we have a new tree house. For safety reasons this, the trim trail and pirate ship in the Golden Garden are out of bounds to children before or after school. Parents must supervise their children at all times to ensure they are safe.

### **Swimming and PE**

Both PE and swimming lessons during the school day will resume from the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Covid-19 safety measures**

The full revised Covid 19 risk assessment is now on the school website, and we will also send it out to parents/carers via Weduc, but below are the headlines:

- We will ensure the children wash and sanitise their hands regularly, as last year
- School will be cleaned thoroughly; we have a new team of cleaners to ensure this happens
- Ventilation is still key, so windows and doors will be open. As the weather gets cooler, please make sure your children have layers to keep them warm
- If children have covid symptoms they **MUST** stay at home, isolate and book a test – the school office can advise if needed. If symptoms develop during the school day, we will contact you to come and collect them.
- Staff will continue to take twice weekly Lateral Flow Tests, to ensure we are covid free.





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- In school we will be maximising our space
- Class bubbles have gone and lunchtimes will return to pre-covid arrangements
- Assemblies will start again
- Parents/carers can come into school again, so we will be reintroducing Welcome meetings, Open lessons, face to face parent consultation evenings and similar events

If the situation changes and we have to change any of our procedures and processes, we will let you know.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

Lucy Rodgers, Headteacher

