

'A Caring Christian Family Where We Grow Together'

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Dear Parents/Carers

As you will be very aware the roadmap out of lockdown moves to Step 3 on Monday 17th May. We will as a result be granted further freedoms within our everyday lives.

As a school, we have throughout the pandemic kept our procedures tight yet proportionate. I have worked hard to ensure school is as safe as it can be for children and staff whilst trying to maintain the ability to teach our full and balanced curriculum.

As we move out of lockdown I wanted to share with you how school will operate over the forthcoming weeks. Obviously, my over-arching aim is to keep the school open for all, but also operate safely for all those within the building.

Currently, Cheshire East are in a good position with 14 in 100,000 cases. There are some clusters gathering in the north of the borough but nothing of any concern. However, some of our neighbouring areas in the North West are seeing 150 in 100,000 cases in Sefton, Bolton, Greater Manchester and Lancashire. This is being attributed to the Indian variant which seems to be on the rise. Therefore, it seems sensible to take a cautious approach to lifting all our procedures.

Step 3



If things go well, step 3 will start on Monday, 17 May.



From Monday, 17 May:

- you can meet who you like outdoors



- but you can't meet people in a group of over 30 people.



We will look at whether it is OK to be closer to people. We will look at whether it is OK to hug people.



Restaurants, cafés and pubs will be able to serve people sitting at a table inside.

From **Monday 17th May** school will continue to operate in the following ways:

- we will be maintaining year group bubbles and social distancing from other bubbles during the school day
- we will maintain our existing handwashing routines which are in place
- we will be maintaining our staggered starts/exits and we ask that you continue to support the school in dropping off and collecting at the allocated times
- we will be maintaining face coverings for staff in communal areas
- we will be maintaining face coverings for all parents coming onto school property, unless medically exempt. (This may be reviewed after the whit holiday)
- we will be maintaining our enhanced cleaning routine
- we will be maintaining increased ventilation within school
- all staff will continue to carry out LFD tests twice weekly

I ask that you please continue to support the school with our procedures so that we can prevent any unnecessary school transmission.

From June 21st

At this point should the data allow, we will:

- allow mixing of bubbles outside where transmission risk is lower, therefore children will be able to play outside with other children from other class bubbles
- still be keeping any mixing indoors of bubbles to a minimum



- operate one drop off period from 8.40 - 8.55am with all children coming up the drive in between these times (natural staggering) and straight into classrooms. The one-way system will remain in place
- communal areas such as the hall will remain out of use

During the summer term, we are planning a number of outdoor events to which parents will be invited; Sports Day, Star Day and picnic, Year 6 Celebrations. As the events draw closer we will be providing clear information as to how these events will run and possible procedures we may wish you to follow if you are attending. These may include completing an LFD test prior to attending as these are now readily available to the public and signing our internal Track and Trace register so that we know who is on the premises should we have a positive case.

From September

Restrictions may be lifted further at this point and it may not be necessary to continue with bubbles at this point however this is all data dependent. We will be looking to return school to as close to normality as we are able for the start of the new academic year.

Once again I thank you all for your unwavering support throughout the pandemic. Myself and the staff team have very much appreciated your positive comments and messages of support. It has certainly not been the easiest of 12 months but I know as a community we have all worked together to achieve the best possible outcome.

Many thanks for your continued support

Best wishes



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