



### **Mixing and 'Bubbles'**

Government guidance is that bubbles will not need to be used in schools from the Autumn Term. As well as enabling flexibility in curriculum delivery, this means that the following may resume in School: assemblies, co-curricular clubs, sport, 'one' lunchtime between 1.00-2.00pm and mixed break time.

### **Tracing Close Contacts and Isolation**

Close contacts will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace and as with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case and/or their parent to identify close contacts. Contacts from a school setting will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case and/or their parent specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact.

Pupils are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19. Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. Pupils who have been identified as a close contact, should continue to attend school as normal. They do not need to wear a face covering within the school, but it is expected and recommended that these are worn when travelling on school transport.

### **Sick Children**

The main symptoms of the Delta variant of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough. If you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

Children who display any of these symptoms, must not come into school and should take a PCR test. Children who display symptoms, whilst in school will be taken to an area away from the other pupils and their parents will be called.

### **COVID-19 Testing**

Pupils in Years 7-11 will be tested in school twice on their return to School. The testing regime will be as follows:

- Year 7 pupils will be tested during registration on their Year 7 Transition Day, Friday 3 September 2021. Their second test in school will be on Monday 6 September 2021. Any pupils who are unable to attend the Year 7 Transition Day will be tested during registration on Monday 6 September 2021. Their second test in school will be on Thursday 9 September 2021.
- Year 8-11 pupils will be tested during registration on Monday 6 September 2021. Their second test in school will be on Thursday 9 September 2021.

Any pupils who test positive in school will be taken to an area away from the other pupils and their parents will be called. They should take a PCR test.

After this point, the pupils should be tested at home; we will be providing you with two boxes of kits per pupil on Friday 10 September 2021. You do not need to tell us if your child tests negative but please do so if they test positive; we are here to help.

### **Attendance**

The government's expectation is that all children should return to school to minimise, as far as possible, the longer-term impact of the pandemic on their education, wellbeing and wider development.

### **Face Coverings**

Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils either in classrooms or in communal areas. Pupils may continue to wear face coverings if they wish to. The government expects and recommends that face coverings are worn on school transport.

## **Arriving at School**

Breakfast Club is available from 7.30am. Before 8.10am, all pupils must enter school via the pupil entrance and make their way to the hall. Pupils arriving after 8.10am should go to the astro turf, where they will be supervised by a member of staff, until the bell goes at 8.25am.

## **Leaving School**

Pupils, who are not attending a co-curricular club and/or staying for Tea & Prep, will exit school via the pupil entrance at 4pm. Parents are asked to collect the children expediently. Please consider our neighbours when you are parking. Tea & Prep is available from 4pm to 6pm.

## **Class Sizes & Teaching Spaces**

Most classes will contain fewer than 15 pupils and generally, children will be seated next to each other with desks facing forwards. All teaching spaces will be ventilated and classroom windows and internal doors will be open to improve natural ventilation.

## **Break Times**

Pupils will no longer be expected to remain together in their year group bubble and may play freely with pupils in other year groups.

## **Lunch**

We will no longer operate the 'split' lunchtime and lunch will be between 1.00 and 2.00pm for all pupils in the dining hall. Hot meals will be available for all pupils every day. Pupils in Years 6-8 will eat first on rotation from 1.00-1.30pm and children in Years 9-11 will have their lunch between 1.30pm-2.00pm on rotation.

## **Cleaning**

The school will be cleaned regularly to regularly clean high use areas, for example, toilets, and to empty bins. All classrooms will be provided with antibacterial sprays and single use cloths.

## **Good Hygiene**

The children will clean their hands on arrival, before and after eating, after sneezing or coughing and at the end of the day. There are hand sanitisers at the entrances to our buildings which can be used when the children are not able to use soap and water and each classroom also has a hand sanitiser.

Each classroom has paper tissues for the children to use, which will be disposed of in a bin with a lid. The children will be told that the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach continues to be very important.

## **Uniform**

In line with the government guidance, the children will be wearing full uniform. However, on days when they have PE or games, the children should come to school in full PE kit (including tracksuit bottoms and hoody). This is so they do not need to change in school. We recommend the children bring a spare pair of socks should their socks become wet during their games lesson. On days when pupils do not have PE or games, but have a sports practice, pupils must come into school in full uniform and bring their PE kit in a sports bag.

## **Stationery, Books & Other Items in School**

Pupils should bring their own stationery and calculator into School. The children will be issued with text books and exercise books in the usual way. Text books may be taken home but pupils should avoid sharing books and equipment. Other items which pupils may bring into school include a water bottle, a personal hand-sanitiser (if they would like to do so) and their snack (in a disposable bag).

## **Arrangements for Teaching**

From September, there will be no restrictions on pupil movement around school, and all pupils will have access to the specialist teaching facilities.

## **Co-Curricular Clubs and Sport**

A full range of co-curricular clubs and sport will be offer from the week commencing Monday 13 September 2021.

## **Contact with School**

Please endeavour to contact the Senior School via telephone and teachers via email. If you would like to come into school for a meeting, please, if possible, contact the school in advance to arrange a meeting.