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Dear parents and carers

#### **School In September**

With excitement we bring you the news that we will once again open our gates and invite our families into the playground.

All children will use the top gate to enter school.

	Reception, Year 1 & 2	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
Start	8:55am	8:45am
Finish	3:20pm	3:10pm
		Children in year 5 & 6 may wish to walk to and from school independently. Please put a note in jotters to share permission.

Reception children can be collected from the reception gate which leads to their play area. Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 children can be collected from within the playground at the double green gates. Please can we ask that for children in reception up to and including year 4 they are collected by an adult. Year 5 and 6 will leave through the top door near the black double main gates.

#### **Schools Covid 19 Operational Guidance**

We will be following the governments school's Covid 19 operational guidance to reduce the risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) in their school. This includes public health advice, endorsed by Public Health England (PHE).











## **Control measures**

#### You should:

- 1 Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
- Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
- 3 Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
- 4 Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

## 1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone

#### Hand hygiene

Frequent and thorough hand cleaning is and will continue to be regular practice.

#### Respiratory hygiene

The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach continues to be very important.

# 2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes, using standard products such as detergents

We will continue regular cleaning of areas and equipment with a particular focus on frequently touched surfaces.

## 3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated

When school is in operation, we will ensure it is well ventilated and that a comfortable learning environment is maintained.

Opening external windows will improve natural ventilation, and in addition, opening internal doors will assist with creating a throughput of air. If necessary, external opening doors may also be used.



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## 4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19

When an individual develops COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive test

Pupils, staff and other adults should follow public health advice on when to self-isolate and what to do. They should not come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine).

If anyone school develops <u>COVID-19 symptoms</u>, however mild, they will be sent home and they should follow public health advice.

For everyone with symptoms, they should avoid using public transport and, wherever possible, be collected by a member of their family or household.

If a pupil is awaiting collection, they should be taken to a designated room. A window will be opened for fresh air ventilation. Appropriate PPE should also be used if close contact is necessary.

The household (including any siblings) should follow the PHE stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.

#### **Asymptomatic testing**

Testing remains important in reducing the risk of transmission of infection within schools. Staff will undertake twice weekly home tests until the end of September, when this will also be reviewed.

#### **Confirmatory PCR tests**

Staff and pupils with a positive LFD test result will self-isolate in line with the <u>stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection</u>. They will also need to <u>get a free PCR test to check if they have COVID-19</u>.

Whilst awaiting the PCR result, the individual should continue to self-isolate.

If the PCR test is taken within 2 days of the positive lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test and the pupil can return to school, as long as the individual doesn't have COVID-19 symptoms.









