



Welcome Back to School



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Dear parents/carers,

I hope you have enjoyed the half term holiday. Whether you have been gardening, walking, or playing together, I hope you have had some fun as a family.

We are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Tuesday 1st March** (staff have INSET training on Monday). We know the children will be full of holiday news to share and we are looking forward to working together again.

When we start term, we will move out of the 'semi-bubble' way of working. This means we will move to face-to-face assemblies again and allow children to mix from different classes. It also means our wonderful PA will start to organise events again.

Core control measures will continue to be in place, we will:

1. Ensure good hand & respiratory hygiene for everyone.
2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated (we have CO2 monitors in each classroom to support this).
4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

In addition, we will follow advice given by the directors of public health (DsPH) and their teams, and the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) if we have an outbreak of covid-19 in school - we can move back to working in semi-bubbles quickly if/when needed and will, of course, inform you of this as soon as possible.

The practical arrangements for pick up and drop off will change when we return to school.

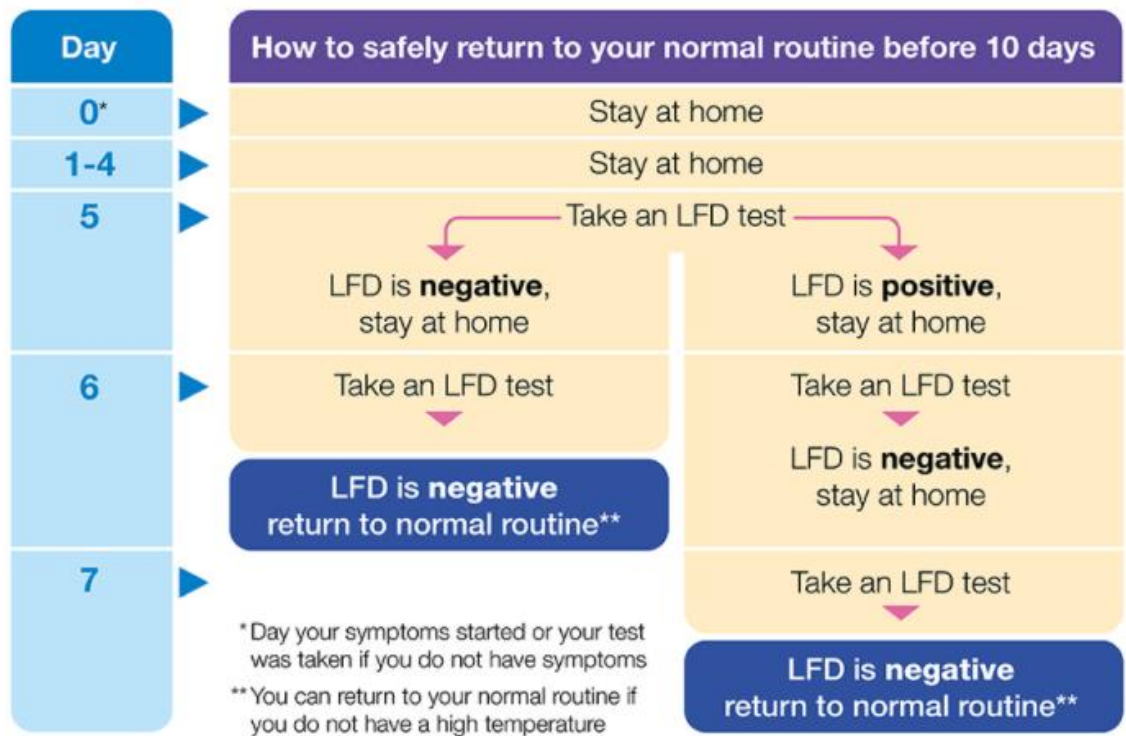
Please drop off and pick up all children from the main black metal gate. Drop off time will remain between 8.40-8.50am. The children will be greeted at the gate and walk into their classrooms. Starting the day this way has been easier for the children as they can wash hands/toilet and settle into the day without queuing. At the end of the day, C1 and C2 children can be picked up from the main, black metal gate at 3.10pm. C3, C4 and C5 can be picked up at the main, black metal gate at 3.15pm. We will continue to stagger pick up at the end of the day to ensure our younger children can be handed over to parents/carers safely. Please wear face coverings in crowded or enclosed spaces around the school.

(<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own>).

Covid-19 School Guidance has altered during the holidays and further changes are due from April 1st too. From February 24th, people with covid-19 will no longer be legally required to self-isolate however guidance (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts/covid-19-people-with-covid-19-and-their-contacts>) remains in place, which we will continue to follow as a school community, to help keep everyone well and minimise disruption to face-to-face education through staff being ill and unable to teach:

- If you have one of the main covid-19 symptoms (a new continuous cough; a high temperature; a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), you should order a PCR test. You are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people while you are waiting for the test result.
- If you have covid-19 (a positive test on LFD/PCR) you can infect other people from 2 days before your symptoms start, and for up to 10 days after. You can pass on the infection to others, even if you have mild symptoms or no symptoms at all. If you have covid-19 you should stay at home and avoid contact with other people.
- Many people will no longer be infectious to others after 5 days. You may choose to take an LFD test from 5 days after your symptoms started (or the day your test was taken if you did not have symptoms) followed by another LFD test the next day. If both these test results are negative, and you do not have a high temperature, the risk that you are still infectious is much lower and you can safely return to your normal routine.
- Children and young people with covid-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious. They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these test results are negative, they should return to their educational setting if they normally attend one, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature.

How to safely return to your normal routine before 10 days



If your day 5 LFD test result is positive, you can continue taking LFD tests until you receive 2 consecutive negative test results.

- Routine contact tracing will end - people in contact with someone with COVID-19 will no longer be advised to self-isolate.

Thank you, parents and carers, for your support through the on-going alterations due to covid-19. You have coped brilliantly and flexibly with the ever-changing guidance and arrangements. As a team, we are really grateful for your positivity and help.

We look forward to seeing you all next week.

Zoe Avastu

Headteacher

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

- The main entrance with the **black, metal gate** will be used for **children in all classes** at **pick up time and drop off time.**
- Morning drop off is **8.40-8.50** for all children.
- Pick up will be 3.10pm for children in C1 and C2.
- Pick up will be 3.15pm for children in C3, C4 & C5.
- If you have any messages for the class teacher in the morning, please share them with the staff member on gate duty and they will pass them on. Please do remember if you want to talk to the class teacher about your child you can call the school office – a teacher will contact you when practical. The school number is 01453 822922. Teachers will lead classes out at the end of the day so they will be available then too.

	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
Drop off	main metal gate 8.40am – 8.50 am	main metal gate 8.40 am – 8.50am	main metal gate 8.40am – 8.50am	main metal gate 8.40am – 8.50am	main metal gate 8.40am – 8.50am
Pick up	main metal gate 3.10pm	main metal gate 3.10pm	main metal gate 3.15pm	main metal gate 3.15pm	main metal gate 3.15pm