

January 2022

Dear parents/carers,

Happy New Year and we hope you had a happy and healthy Christmas and are looking forward to 2022. The academy will open as normal tomorrow, Tuesday 4th January.

We are really pleased that face-to-face education will continue in the new term but in order to limit the risk of COVID outbreaks, that could disrupt the smooth running of face-to-face learning at our academy, we have risk assessed that the below temporary measures are still required:

1. Academy structure

- The academy will remain organised within phases with EYFS, KS1, LKS2 and UPKS2 to support preventative measures. The children learn and play within these phases.

2. Pick up and drop off

- We continue to enter and depart the grounds at the designated gates. However, please ensure that only one adult per family accompanies children to the gates. Please arrive within the designated gate windows, maintaining our 'drop and go – keep the flow' system.

3. Face coverings

- Parents are encouraged to wear face coverings during pick and drop off times when social distancing is difficult to maintain, especially in busy locations.
- Staff will wear face coverings within communal areas within the academy.

4. Communication

- Should parents need to communicate with the office we ask that telephone or email communication is the primary source of communication. Should contact need to be made on site, we ask that the intercom is used. If any parent/visitor must enter the main office area, they will be required to wear a face covering (unless exempt due to medical reasons).

5. Meetings

- Meetings between staff and parents will be virtual, including the forthcoming parent consultations in January. Should a meeting need to be held in the academy, face coverings will be required. Anyone that is feeling unwell or displays any symptoms, should not attend.

6. COVID 19 Symptoms

- Children must not attend the academy if they are displaying or experiencing any of the main symptoms of COVID19: a high temperature, a persistent cough or a loss of taste or smell. In this instance, they must isolate and take a PCR test as soon as possible.
- The academy should be informed via telephone call on the day your child is tested.
- We ask that you share the test results with us so that we can accurately monitor and track COVID related absences.
- Remote learning will be provided, should your child be well enough to access the work.

7. Isolation changes

- The Department for Education has confirmed that isolating children can return to the academy on day 8 of their 10 day isolation period if they have tested negative on two consecutive lateral flow tests taken no earlier than on days 6 and 7, 24 hours apart. If the lateral flow test returns a positive result then your child must remain in isolation until they have either two consecutive negative lateral flow test results taken 24 hours apart or they complete the full 10 days of isolation, whichever comes first.

All measures will be kept under review and we will continue to risk assess in light of Department for Education and Public Health England guidance.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and support with regards to our academy's response to the ongoing pandemic.

Kind regards,

Mrs Nicholls - Principal