



26th August 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have all enjoyed the summer break and that the children are looking forward to coming back to school. As promised before we broke up, I am writing to update you before our return.

Covid

The Governments' most recent guidance - Schools Covid-19 operational guidance - states:

"As COVID-19 becomes a virus that we learn to live with, there is now an imperative to reduce the disruption to children and young people's education - particularly given that the direct clinical risks to children are extremely low, and every adult has been offered a first vaccine and the opportunity for 2 doses by mid-September.

Our priority is for you to deliver face-to-face, high-quality education to all pupils. The evidence is clear that being out of education causes significant harm to educational attainment, life chances, mental and physical health."

In line with the detail and spirit of this guidance, and considering the risks for children, staff and parents of Wray Common, the implications for us are:

- **We will re-start as planned next Thursday, 2nd September - with attendance compulsory for all children**
- The operation of the school life will broadly return to pre-Covid set-up. This means: no Bubbles; no one-way systems; no staggered start; no eating in classes; no masks required to be worn by parents at drop-off and pick-up (but of course you can choose to do so)
- However, to mitigate the risks of catching Covid: children and staff will continue to wash and/or sanitise their hands throughout the day; there will be thorough daily cleaning, and rooms and halls will remain well ventilated
- The School Office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - and masks will not be required - we just ask that you wait outside when there is already someone inside
- Clubs will be back in action from Monday 20th September - full details will be shared by end of next week





- Parent volunteers will be warmly welcomed. We just ask that swimming volunteers continue to wear masks and that children are listened to read outdoor whenever practical – look out for the Volunteer and Safeguarding training dates early in the new term
- Rangers breakfast and after school club will be fully operational

Please read the following updated rules regarding what to do if you or someone in your family have Covid-19 symptoms.

NHS guidance states:

"When to self-isolate

Self-isolate straight away and get a PCR test (a test that is sent to the lab, not a lateral flow test) which you can book on GOV.UK as soon as possible if you have any of these 3 symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

You should also self-isolate straight away if:

- you've tested positive for COVID-19 - this means you have the virus
- someone you live with has symptoms or tested positive (unless you are not required to self-isolate - check below if this applies to you)
- you've been told to self-isolate following contact with someone who tested positive - find out what to do if you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app"

When you do not need to self-isolate

If someone you live with has symptoms of COVID-19, or has tested positive for COVID-19, you will not need to self-isolate if any of the following apply:

- you're fully vaccinated - this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine given by the NHS
- you're under 18 years, 6 months old
- you're taking part or have taken part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

However even if you do not have symptoms, you should still:

- get a PCR test on GOV.UK to check if you have COVID-19
- follow advice on how to avoid catching and spreading COVID-19
- consider limiting contact with people who are at higher risk from COVID-19





How long to self-isolate

If you test positive, your self-isolation period includes the day your symptoms started (or the day you had the test, if you did not have symptoms) and the next 10 full days.

You may need to self-isolate for longer if you get symptoms while self-isolating or your symptoms do not go away."

For more information, please look at the following advice.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>, updated 17th August 2021

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

At Wray Common, we expect everyone to follow the above the guidance at all times. If in doubt at any time - please ring the school.

Timings

We are reverting to pre-Covid school times (please note these are different to what we advised in the newsletter at the end of term)

	Gates open	Class doors open	Register Closed	End of day
Reception to Year 2	8:30 a.m.	8:40 a.m.	8:50 a.m.	3:05 p.m.
Years 3 to 6				3:20 p.m.

- Please ensure your child enters the class by 8:45 a.m. to allow for them, and the class, to be settled and ready to learn from 8:50 a.m. Infant parents must hand their child over to a member of staff





- Children in Key Stage 2 must not be left unsupervised inside or outside of the school premises before 8:30 a.m. The Key Stage 2 playground will be supervised from 8:30 a.m.
- All year groups: doors to classes will open @ 8.40 a.m. - the Register will close @ 8:50 a.m with all children settled.
- Finishing times: Reception to Year 2 @ 3:05 p.m. and Years 3 - 6 @ 3:20 p.m.

PE

As it gives children extra PE time, we will be continuing the practice of children wearing their PE kit on their PE days - these days will be shared next week.

Important date

The school will be following Surrey guidance and closing on Friday 22nd October - this is an additional bank holiday in lieu of the additional Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday on Friday 3rd June 2022, which falls in the summer-half-term break

Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend!

Yours sincerely

Mr Lloyd Murphy

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