

Thursday 15th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Keeping COVID-19 Safe update

Again we thank you for your support and cooperation as we navigate keeping our community safe in these uncertain times. Following the closure of one of our bubbles this week and the news that London is now classed as 'tier 2' and no households must mix indoors, we are reaching out to update you on some of our safety measures.

At the start of the day, children must line up, spaced out 2m apart ready to enter the school building at all gates. Hand sanitising will still occur but children must not group together and parents waiting with their children must keep socially distanced from other families. The gates will open from 8:40am and close at 8:55am. Please space out your arrival to minimise queuing outside of school.

During the day, children have allocated seats in both their classroom and the dining hall. This helps us to see clearly who may be a 'contact' should a positive test be confirmed.

At the end of the school day, we will be limiting the number of parents and carers onsite at any given time. This may result in you having to queue and wait a few moments longer to collect your children. We thank you for your patience in advance and hope this will help reduce the congestion and social distancing at the exit gate.

Face Coverings: please note all parents and carers, unless exempt, are expected to wear a face covering when you enter the school grounds.

When meeting with class teachers, please also ensure you are keeping a 2m distance and keep conversations brief so we can keep the flow of parents through the playground running smoothly. Please feel free to email the school with any questions that are not urgent.

Bubbles are still remaining separate from any other groups during the school day and the play spaces are timetabled so no overlaps occur. Frequent handwashing and sanitising is also timetabled throughout the school day.

Covid-19 Symptoms: Just a reminder that if you or your child has any of the following symptoms:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Please ensure you get a test and all self-isolate until you receive your results.

We understand that this is a very confusing and anxious time and thank you for your continued support. If you have any worries or concerns, please do get in touch via the school office. Whilst we cannot keep COVID-19 out of school completely, we are doing our utmost to mitigate as many risks as possible.

Take care and stay safe.



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