

01.09.21

Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome back to the new school year! We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back tomorrow. I hope you find the following information useful in supporting your child's return to school.

Return to school - COVID measures

The rules around self isolation have changed over the summer. From the 16th August 2021, staff who are fully vaccinated or pupils under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by [NHS Test and Trace](#) as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case.

The school is **no longer** expected to undertake contact tracing. Close contacts **will now be** identified via NHS Test and Trace.

Staff/ pupils who are experiencing [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#), should not attend the school and are advised to self-isolate and to arrange a [PCR test](#).

If the PCR test is:

- negative - staff/pupil can return to school.
- positive you will need to self isolate for 10 days.

Where a positive case is identified, NHS Test & Trace will contact those who test positive – or their parent or legal guardian – to identify close contacts.

Parents/Carers of Primary aged pupils are to be reminded that Primary School age pupils should **not be** undertaking LFD tests at home. Parents/Carers of Primary age pupils presenting with symptoms of COVID-19 are advised to take them for a PCR test.

There is no longer a need for bubbles in school, one way systems, social distancing etc. Hopefully this will see school return to some form of normality following a very difficult 18 months.

We have a detailed risk assessment in place to ensure any transmission of the virus is kept to a minimum including:

- Additional cleaning around the school
- Windows / doors open to improve ventilation
- Twice weekly LF testing of staff
- Frequent handwashing or use of hand sanitiser

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Should you receive a positive LF test or PCR test out of school hours we ask that you contact school via my email address: a.brinton@redroseprimaryschool.com

Accessing / Leaving school

As you are aware we have ongoing difficulties with parking around the school site. My priority outside the school gates is the safety of our children. I am currently working with the Highways Department on this ongoing issue and my ongoing concerns about the amount of traffic around the school site.

Whilst both gates will be open we ask that parents revert to using the gate at Beverley Garden for those children arriving / leaving the school site on foot or by scooter / bike and that you **do not use this area as a potentially easier place to park**. This creates a safe pedestrian access & exit to and from school. Thank you in advance for respecting this.

The school day will start as per pre-COVID times. Doors will be open between 8:45-8:55am and end at 3:15pm for **all pupils**. We will review this situation over the coming weeks and consult with parents on our policy moving forward.

Thursday 2nd September - entering school.

Entering school:

Children should enter **via the quad or the EYFS door**. Children should then make their way to their new classroom. Staff will be around to help any children who are unsure.

Leaving school:

- KS1 children will leave via the EYFS doors.
- KS2 children will leave via the quad or Y6 door.

The top door near the York Terrace exit will no longer be in use.

School Uniform

A reminder that school uniform should be worn at all times unless it is your child's PE day. On PE days children can wear their PE uniform to school. All children should wear their school uniform on return to school. Teachers will then inform children of their PE days upon their return. Uniform should be as follows:

School Uniform: Grey / black skirt or trousers
 White / red polo shirt or white blouse/shirt
 Bright red jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan
 Red checked dress in summer
 Plain black leather or leather style shoes which can be polished.
 Trainers should not be worn as part of school uniform.

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PE Kit: Plain white T-Shirt,
Plain black or navy shorts (**no logo**).
Plain black / navy long bottoms,
Red sweatshirt / cardigan or grey Red Rose PE hoodie
Trainers

Haircuts: Can I remind parents that hair colour and lines in hair are not allowed. Hair should not be cut shorter than a grade 1.

Reading Books

Could you please remember to return reading books to school on Thursday. Everyone should have at least 2 books to return. Once returned staff will issue new books as quickly as possible.

Water bottles

Could you please ensure your child has a water bottle in school as drinks are not available at lunchtime. We are not allowed to provide drinking cups or use the fountain. Staff will refill water bottles once empty if required.

Looking forward to seeing you tomorrow

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'A Brinton'.

Mrs A Brinton
Headteacher

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