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September 2021 Return to School Plans

Dear Parents,

Firstly, I hope that everyone is enjoying the summer break and finding the time to spend more time with loved ones and friends.

The purpose of this email is to update you on changes to our risk assessment and how this affects the running of the school.

Please note that all changes below from our current COVID-19 control measures will be dependent upon the government's ongoing plans and the current guidance in place in September. We will need to review and confirm in September prior to children returning to school and will write to parents on Thursday 2 September should there be any deviation from the information listed below. Thank you for your understanding with this. We hope, however, that the following information will be useful in explaining what we hope school to look like for our community upon our return for the new academic school year, including a reminder of our new timings to the school day.

Year Group	Start Time	Location	End Time	Location
R	8:35- 8:45am Children may arrive from 8:35am. Doors are closed at 8:45am. If your child arrives after this time they will be marked as late.	Gate by the office	3:15pm	Gate by the office
1		External classroom door		External classroom door
2		Entrance near Mrs Sharp's office	3:20pm	Small Playground
3		The Hall		The Hall
4		Entrance near Mrs Sharp's office		Large Playground (independent walkers will be dismissed first)
5		The Huts (Osprey – Entrance near Mrs Sharp's office)		
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At 8.50am Registers are sent up to the school office. 9.20am Registration closes. If your child arrives after this time, this must be recorded using the appropriate code (U), which will register as an unauthorised absence.

Please note that **Breakfast Club** will now open at the earlier time of **7:35am**.

From the start of the new academic year, to develop independence we encourage a quick goodbye. All KS2 children (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) need to say any farewells on the playground and enter school through their nominated door and make their way to their classrooms. KS1 children (Years 1 and 2) will enter through outside classroom doors via the KS1 gate. Again, a quick goodbye keeping distance from the door.

Face Masks

We are pleased to announce that face coverings are **no longer required** for staff, parents and visitors on our playgrounds, in our classrooms or in our communal areas. Of course, we respect that some may choose to continue wearing a face mask.

'Bubbles'

Bubbles will remain to an extent. Upon returning to school in September we are planning to operate within year groups. This will mean that children and staff can mix indoors and outdoors across a year group, however we will wait a couple of weeks before reviewing when further mixing across the school can begin, for example Year R and 6 buddies, Young Governors, and the Eagles.

Whilst there have been constraints with the bubble systems, there have also been significant gains such as, improved behaviour and safety at break and lunch times.

Playtimes and Lunchtimes

Providing there are no changes to the guidance and we deem it safe to do so, from September year groups will play together for playtimes and lunchtimes. At lunchtime, we are planning to continue to use the hall for Year R and KS1 whilst continuing with having our KS2 children eating in their classrooms. This has worked very well and made the dining hall and classrooms a quieter, calmer and more enjoyable space to eat lunch.

Curriculum

Year teams have started to plan for school trips and visits to support and enhance the curriculum. We have been working hard to develop and in certain areas, strengthen our curriculum ensuring that **ALL** subjects have priority in our school, are equally valued and provide rich and memorable learning experiences. This valuable work will continue!

You will notice that some year groups will block certain subjects, whilst others will be taught weekly; this will depend on how teachers feel it is most effectively taught with regards to the skills and knowledge that the children will learn.

We are keen to rebuild the strong communication around the curriculum, teaching and learning with parents, which was raised from the parent survey. There will be 'meet the teacher' meetings held for Years 1-6 via Zoom on **Wednesday 15 September at 4.00pm**, where class teachers will introduce themselves and talk through key information about your child's new year group. An invite will become available on ClassDojo.

Additionally, the school will email you each term with an overview of the curriculum, informing you of your child's learning and ways you can help at home. Our school newsletters will continue on the last Friday of each half term, and each year group will include some photos and information about the exciting learning that has happened.

As the year progresses, we will continue to review how information about what your child is learning is shared with you and hopefully continue to build and strengthen this relationship with parents.

Assemblies

We will start the new school year continuing with virtual assemblies and as we settle into school, guidance and safety permitting, we will slowly reintroduce assemblies in person using a blended approach across the school starting with year group assemblies in person and whole school virtual.

Parents' Evening

Parents' evenings are scheduled for the week commencing 11th October 2021. These will continue to be held via SchoolCloud, however once we have returned we will look at ways to allow parents to come informally into classrooms to look at their child's books and share their learning with you.

Attendance

School attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age and it is a priority to ensure that as many children as possible regularly attend school. Our whole school target of 96% will continue and we ambitiously aim to achieve beyond this. Holidays will be unauthorised and families seeking to take their children out of school during term time from September will unfortunately face a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Details of after-school clubs was sent via email on 21/07/2021. We are keen to provide a range of opportunities for all our pupils in the new academic year and we plan to build on this existing programme.

Equipment/pencil cases

No pencil cases are required to be brought to school; class teachers will continue to ensure that your child has the appropriate and necessary equipment for them to access their curriculum in class. Backpacks need to be of a suitable size (some can take up too much space). If they are too large and causing obstructions in the class due to lack of storage space then class teachers will speak with individual families. We ask for your support that **no toys**, including Pop Its, are to be brought in by any child at all, unless agreed with individual parents for pastoral reasons; this has helped relieve a lot of tensions between children and a lot of adult time spent finding lost toys or dealing with situations that could have easily been avoided if toys were kept at home.

Breakfast and After School Club

Further details of how to book these are available on our school website.

<https://www.nightingale.hants.sch.uk/parents/breakfast-club/>

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Which control measures will stay?

We will still ensure that robust respiratory and hand hygiene practices are maintained throughout our school to minimise the risk of transmission. We have also found that bugs, such as sickness bugs, have dramatically decreased and think that this could be attributed to improved hygiene in school. In addition, the school will continue to be cleaned twice daily and fogged weekly (sanitising tool). We will also ensure a **'Coronavirus Outbreak Management Plan'** is in place, should there be positive cases identified within our community. We will ensure that is available on our school website in September for our community to view.

What if there is a positive coronavirus case in school?

We will of course follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19. Pupils, staff and other adults should follow public health advice on [when to self-isolate and what to do](#). They should not come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19 (for example, they are required to quarantine).

We are however, still waiting for confirmation regarding how this will be managed in schools from September (i.e. whether no isolation is required providing children under 18 and those double-vaccinated test negative, or whether we continue to identify close contacts, as advised by Hampshire at the end of term). Once we have returned to school, we will share the most up to date information we have regarding how this will be managed.

Thank you, as always, for your understanding, patience and support as we try to navigate through to a successful and different start of term with as much clarity as possible.

Sincerely and with wishes of good health,



Mrs Hannah Beckett
Headteacher