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Dear parents and carers,

We hope that you have had an enjoyable and restful summer. We are really looking forward to welcoming everyone back into school next week.

As you will be aware many of the restrictions placed on schools last year have been lifted and we hope that we will have a much more normal looking year. According to current government guidance, children under the age of 18 are no longer required to self-isolate if identified as a close contact. However, we have been advised that Covid-19 cases remain high locally and Public Health is expecting a surge in cases as schools return. Therefore, we will still have to remain vigilant and maintain some protective measures.

When we return to school next week, the following procedures will be in place:

- **Start and end of day procedures**

Times for the start and end of the day will be as follows

Infants – 8.55am – 3.15pm

Juniors – 8.55am – 3.20pm

We are returning to our usual entrance and exits from school via the playground on Rochdale Road.

We are asking parents to drop their children off as quickly and as efficiently as possible. There will be extra staff on the yard to supervise the children in the morning from 8.45 am. Please do not arrive too early. KS2 children can be left under the supervision of school staff, to allow parents to drop off and leave. We understand that parents need to wait with younger children in KS1, but please do not linger or chat to friends after your child has entered school.

School staff on duty will be able to convey any messages you may have to your child's class teacher, as pre-Covid.

- **Bubbles** – we will no longer have class bubbles, but will endeavour to retain separate KS1 and KS2 bubbles to minimise contact. Should we then be unlucky enough to have an outbreak, only half the school will be affected.
- **Individual cases of Covid** will be asked to isolate, but close contacts will not be sent home unless there is an outbreak. Schools are no longer responsible for tracking and tracing cases in school. We will however let parents know if we become aware of a case in school that might affect your child. This will not be a request to self-isolate, but advice for your family.

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- **An outbreak of several cases**
Should we have several cases in school, Public Health Calderdale would advise of which extra measures would need to be implemented. They may direct a closure of classes, bubbles or individuals to remain at home. In this instance, we will return to a short period of remote home learning.
- **Handwashing/sanitising** hands on entry to school will continue.
- **Enhanced ventilation** will continue – windows and doors - when safe to do so - will remain open at all times.
- **Communication with school**

As pre-Covid, the most efficient way to get in touch with school is to contact the school office or speak to a member of staff on the yard in the morning. Class emails are only checked periodically, as staff are busy teaching all day and we can't guarantee when they will have chance to respond. Parents will still be offered Zoom meetings should they require face to face meetings.

Visitors are allowed into school when this supports the education of the children and reviewed on a case by case basis.

- **Parent events and praise assemblies -**
Parental attendance at assemblies will be reviewed in October

All our risk assessments and outbreak planning has been updated to reflect these new procedures. Guidance continues to be regularly reviewed and updated – we will contact you if any of our procedures change. Most of our staff have been double vaccinated; please do be aware however, that should a number of our staff become infected, we may have to close classes for operational reasons.

Our current risk assessment and Covid- 19 outbreak management plan can be found on the Covid-19 tab of the school website.

If you wish to discuss any of this further, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you very much for your continuing support throughout all the changes to usual school life. We sincerely hope that we do not have to do enact any of our outbreak management plans.

We hope that you enjoy your final weekend of the holidays and are excited to see everyone on Monday.

Kind regards,

Emma Crowther & Esther Logue



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