



Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2021

**RE: Returning to school – all pupils**

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope that this letter finds you well and that you have had an enjoyable summer. I am writing to provide some updates for the return to school in September.

- The Autumn term commences for all pupils in Years 1-6 on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.
- Children starting in Nursery and Reception will be receiving separate communication with information on their staggered start dates
- Year Group welcome meetings will be held during the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> September

As I am sure you will be aware there have been further changes to the COVID guidance during the summer which means that from September school will return to normal as much as possible. Our priority is to deliver the full curriculum to our pupils whilst continuing with some control measures in school. These measures are detailed in our updated risk assessment which is available on the school website. Also available on the website is our Outbreak Management Plan which sets out a framework for dealing with an outbreak of Covid-19 cases in the school community or concerns in the local area. We will continue to liaise with Slough Public Health and Public Health England and update our plans according to any changes in local advice and guidance.

**Key points from updated Covid Guidance:**

- From the 16th August under 18-year olds will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are named as a close contact of a positive case even when the positive case is within their own household. They will be advised to take a PCR test but no longer need to isolate whilst awaiting the result unless they have symptoms.
- From the 16th August people who have received both coronavirus vaccinations will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are named as a close contact of a positive case even when the positive case is within their own household. They will be advised to take a PCR test and consider other precautions such as wearing a face covering in enclosed spaces, and limiting contact with other people but no longer need to isolate whilst awaiting the result unless they have symptoms.
- Children aged 4 and under who are identified as a contact will not be advised to take a PCR test unless the positive case was someone in their own household
- Positive cases will remain under a legal duty to self-isolate regardless of vaccination status or age.
- People with symptoms will continue to be advised to self-isolate and take a PCR test.
- If a child in school tests positive they will follow government guidelines and isolate. Children in the class will not have to self-isolate.
- If a child in school begins to show COVID 19 symptoms you will be contacted to come and collect your child and take them for a PCR test. If the PCR test comes back negative they can return to school. If the test comes back positive, they will have to isolate.
- If your child displays any of the COVID 19 symptoms at home don't bring them to school and book a PCR test.

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- Any children who have to isolate due to COVID 19 will be expected to complete home learning if they are well enough to do so.

#### **Timings and arrangements for the start and end of the school day:**

- The school day will start at 8.45 am for all pupils, there will no longer be staggered start times
- Gates will open at 8.25 am and children will be able to enter the classroom from 8.35 am
- On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September **only**, teachers will collect children from the playground if classrooms are not accessible from the playground
- Classroom doors will close at 8.45 am and children arriving after this time will be marked as late and will be required to enter school through the main office at both sites
- The school day will end at 3.15 pm for all pupils. Children will be collected as usual from classroom doors or the playground. The school gates will open at 3.00 pm
- One-way systems will no longer be in operation, please enter and leave the school site through the most convenient points

#### **Extra information:**

- Before and after school clubs run by SCL will operate as normal. Please contact them for further information
- PE after school clubs will operate as normal
- The library will open as normal for children to choose and take books home

As always, if you have any further questions or queries please contact the school office via email: [enquiries@claycots.com](mailto:enquiries@claycots.com) or by telephone 01753 521215.

I look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours sincerely,

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