



6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parent

**Welcome back and changes to COVID contact tracing**

I hope you had an enjoyable summer and the start of term has gone well for your son or daughter. We are looking forward to the new academic year and very much hope we can return to offering our full curriculum, more normal social times and a broad range of additional activities in or after school. We are committed to working with you this year to help our pupils catch up on any missing work and to resume good learning habits. We will offer as much support as we can if you need it, so please get in touch with your child's school, if this letter raises any problems or you need help in some other way.

We were provided with a template letter from the Department for Education, explaining what you should do if your child develops the symptoms of COVID-19. However, the rules can change frequently and it seems best to share the following website links with you:

[When to self-isolate and what to do - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

[What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Many of the restrictions in place over the last eighteen months have now been lifted, so it is important you follow the remaining guidance, particularly the sections telling you what to do if your child has the symptoms of COVID or has had a positive test result. This will help protect us all and should hopefully reduce or eliminate the need to send groups of pupils home this year. If you are in any doubt, please do not send your child into school until you have contacted the school office for guidance.



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Thank-you for your support during these difficult few months. We very much appreciate how you have trusted us to keep pupils safe and maintain our provision as best we can during this time. We will now do everything we can to make our schools safe and to make your child's time at school as happy and successful as it can be.

I wish you all a safe and happy year ahead.

Your sincerely



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