



Welcome back to school! We hope that you've all had a lovely summer break and managed to stay COVID free. We are very excited to be back and the children have made an excellent start.

It has been great to feel a little more normal this week although we have some guidelines in place to try to minimise the risk of covid transmission in school. The risk assessment is available on the website if you would like to read it. We do ask that you are mindful of this when you would like to speak to a member of school staff, some staff are particularly vulnerable and may ask that they can call you rather than speak face to face.

I would also like to welcome some new staff members to our school community. Mr Ged Watts is our new site facilities manager, you will see him around the site. Mrs Green has returned from maternity leave to teach in Year 5. We are also lucky to have two SCITT students (trainee teachers) - Mrs McCloughlin will be working alongside Mrs Bradshaw in Y2 and Miss Hewson in Year 3 with Miss Rothwell.



COVID-19 update to guidance

Schools are no longer required to act as contact tracers. Contacts of a positive case will now be contacted by NHS Test and Trace. We will continue to inform of a positive case in your child's class so that you can closely monitor your child for symptoms.



Self-isolation

Children with symptoms of the COVID-19 should self-isolate immediately and take a **PCR test**. If this test is negative, children can return to school but if it is positive they should self-isolate for 10 days.

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, if they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months. This means that children should attend school if they are symptom free. They should be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a [PCR test](#). We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

What do do if my child is unwell.

If your child is unwell, please telephone the office and let us know they will be absent from school. Please tell us why if you leave a message, we need to be aware of any children displaying Coronavirus symptoms.

Symptoms of coronavirus in children

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

What to do if your child has symptoms

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get the result.

Timings of the school day

Gates open 8.40am

8.45am—school starts

Lunchtime FS2 11.30-12.15

KS1/2 12.00-12.45

3.00pm school ends



Please ensure your child/children arrive at school time everyday. If they are late this often means that they start the school unsettled and miss important learning.

Term time holidays

Holidays in term time will not be authorised, except for in exceptional circumstances. An information leaflet about the attendance policy was sent out in July.

If you have no option but to go during term time, a holiday form must to be completed 4 weeks prior to the holiday. Any supporting evidence must be received at this time to be taken into account, otherwise the request will be unauthorised and a fine maybe issued by the Local Authority.

Collection at the end of the school day

FS1/2—children must be collected from the classroom door and will be handed over to the appropriate known adult.

KS1—children will be taken onto the playground by their teacher and will be handed over to the appropriate adult.

KS2—children will be taken onto the playground by their teacher. They are expected to remain with them until a parent arrives unless they have a signed letter to walk home alone. If this is signed, they are the responsibility of the parent.

School Curriculum

Details of the topics for this term have now been added to the Classes page of the school website. Activities are often posted on Facebook or twitter for you to see what the children have been doing in class.

This terms topics

Foundation Stage 1— Down on the Farm

Foundation Stage 2—Superheroes

Y1 — Me and My World

Y2 — London's Burning

Y3 — Rocks, Relics and Rumbles

Y4 — All Around the World

Y5 — The Greeks

Y6 — Journey Through the Amazon

