



2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

Following on from the letter from Public Health regarding some of the Covid-19 safety measures, I can now share with you how we will address these in school. Earlier today, Headteachers attended a meeting with the Director of Public Health. As you may have noticed, many of the recommendations made in the letter from Public Health related to secondary schools but there are some recommendations that we will take on.

### **Morning arrangements**

Parents and carers are encouraged to wear face coverings when dropping off or collecting children.

Breakfast club will continue but children will be seated with other members of their own class rather than mixing with children from other classes.

We will continue to open our doors at 8.45 am for children to filter in with doors closing at 8.55am. Please leave the school site as soon as you have dropped your child off to avoid congestion.

As the scaffolding has now been removed, Y3 and Y4 children can enter and exit school via their own classroom doors (onto the KS2 yard) from Wednesday 3rd November.

### **Reduced mixing between year groups**

Activities which involve several year groups mixing have been suspended. This includes assemblies and singing which will now take place in classrooms.

Children will play within their own class groups and will not mix with other classes at breaks.

The majority of after school clubs will continue as normal. The clubs were organised for single classes to enable them to continue in the event of the need for increased restrictions in schools. Visiting coaches have been asked to take LFTs before each visit. Parents of children who attend Mrs Kennedy's football club will be informed separately of the arrangements.

Children will sit in class groups for lunch in the hall.

### **Visitors to school**

We will continue to allow professionals to visit the school where they are assisting the education or welfare of pupils.

Where meetings can take place remotely they will be held by video link or phone, this includes meetings with parents.

### **Educational visits**

Some sporting activities have been cancelled due to the new local restrictions.

Swimming lessons can continue. Children walk to their lessons which eliminates any risk posed by shared transport and there is only one school using the pool at any one time.

## **Other precautions**

We have continued to carry out additional cleaning procedures throughout the pandemic. Occupied spaces within the school are well ventilated and carbon dioxide detectors are in place.

Staff continue to take LFTs at least twice per week.

Children are reminded about good hygiene practices and will continue to wash / sanitise hands regularly.

Staff will wear face coverings in communal areas of the school but not in the classroom.

PCR tests are recommended for adults and pupils who are close contacts of positive cases.

There will be a review of the infection rates in the borough and the impact on local NHS services every two weeks and schools will be advised of any necessary changes.

This is not the news I hoped to share with you as we approach Christmas, but this is an ever changing situation which is out of our control. We will keep you updated with any further changes as they occur.

Thank you,

*E. Cook*

Mrs E Cook,  
Headteacher.