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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a fantastic summer break and are looking forward to starting school on Tuesday 7th September. Having had the chance to monitor local Covid19 rates and familiarise ourselves with the updated national guidelines we have made a plan of how Stobhillgate First School will operate as of September, moving towards a 'new normal' whilst keeping in place some procedures which have been successful.

### **Start and Finish Times**

We will operate a 10-minute 'soft start' to each day which means the gates and classroom doors will open at 08:50. All children can arrive anytime between 08:50 and 09:00. All children must arrive and be in their classroom by 9:00 am. This will create a nice calm atmosphere, enabling the children to change books, read, practice handwriting and much more! (Just think if you arrive at 08:50 each day that is 50 minutes more learning every week!) Children who arrive after 09:00 will need to be signed in by a parent/carer at the school office.

The school day will finish at 15:15, school gates will open for parents/carers at 15:10.

Group	Drop off/Pick up Location	Drop off	Pick up
Nursery	line under Nursery canopy	08:50-09:00	15:15*
Reception	Morning- Reception classroom door Afternoon- line under Nursery canopy	08:50-09:00	15:15
Year 1	Along the climbing wall	08:50-09:00	15:15
Year 2	Year 2 classroom door	08:50-09:00	15:15



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Year 3	Year 3 classroom door	08:50-09:00	15:15
Year 4	Year 4 classroom door	08:50-09:00	15:15

***\*15hr nursery children will be collected at 12:00 from the main school entrance***

### **Bubbles and Self-Isolation**

From Monday 16th August there is no need to self-isolate as a close contact if you have been double vaccinated. Children also do not need to isolate due to contact at that point, this means that we should not have to close 'bubbles' if there is a positive case of covid. People who are positive with Covid themselves will still need to isolate but this will not affect the rest of the pupils. This means we no longer need to keep the children in consistent groups, known as 'bubbles'.

**It is very important to stress that anyone who has covid19 symptoms must go for a PCR test as soon as possible and can not attend school.**

### **Hand Hygiene**

We will continue to ask children to wash their hands regularly and will continue to provide hand sanitiser; the children and staff have got into good habits with this so we want to continue this into the winter months to reduce the risk of more viruses spreading.

### **Face Coverings**

Staff and adults, including family members, will no longer be required to wear a face covering on site. However, we appreciate that some people will still prefer to wear a face covering and we fully support this choice.

### **Breakfast and After School Club**

Due to the removal of year group 'bubbles' we can now return Breakfast and After School Club to its original location. Breakfast club runs from 07:30 to 09:00 and our after school provision from 15:15 to 17:30, Monday to Thursday and 15:15 to 17:00 on Friday. You can book a Breakfast and/or After School Club place for your child through School Gateway. Children can be dropped off and picked up from the doors we originally used (through Collingwood's gates and up the ramp).

### **SchoolGrid**

The lunch menu for Autumn is now available on SchoolGrid. You can pre-order your child's lunch through the SchoolGrid website or they can select what they would like in the classroom on the day. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive free school meals through the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme.

### **PE Kit**

Can we please ask that all children bring in their PE kit on a Monday and leave this kit in school all week, please ensure that this includes indoor and outdoor PE kits as we will be trying our best to have as many PE sessions outside as possible. All of our children will also receive PE sessions every week with the Newcastle United Foundation, which I am sure they will love!

I hope that this information clarifies the arrangements for September. All the arrangements in this letter are potentially subject to change should the local area see a rise in cases. We really hope this isn't the case but we would be able to respond quickly to that situation if it arises.

Kind regards

Glen Whitehead  
Head Teacher