

Back to school dos and don'ts

Dear Parents,

There is a lot of information on the school website about our arrangements for keeping everyone safe during the pandemic, but we thought you might find this quick checklist helpful so below are a few reminders of dos and don'ts to make sure that our systems are effective.

Do

- Inform us immediately if your child or a member of your household has symptoms of Covid 19 or has tested positive
- Inform us immediately if your child has to self-isolate because of being in contact with someone who has tested positive
- Arrive at your allocated time so that there are not too many parents congregating at one time outside school
- Queue in the designated place for your child's bubble, using the social distancing markings, and use one side of the pavement, against the school wall or fence, so that pedestrians can pass by safely
- Bring siblings at the allocated time for each year group, not at a point in the middle. We know this is inconvenient but we need to ensure everyone's safety and there will be no-one to take children arriving after their allocated time to their cohort bubble
- Leave other siblings, family members and dogs at home if you can. The Government says **only one adult** should escort the children to school from each family.
- Send your child's packed lunch in a plastic bag or container, not in a school bag.
- Make sure your child brings their own water bottle every day – we can't share.
- Make sure your child can manage their own clothes, shoes etc, so that staff don't have to help them and risk the spread of infection. Send them in things they can manage and practise at home.
- If your child is in Nursery or Reception make sure they have a full change of clothes in a named bag with them every day, just in case of toileting accidents- it can stay in school until needed.
- Inform us if your child is ill in the usual way
- Order dinners in advance using the Live Kitchen online ordering system
- Pay for dinners etc via our online payment system. If you can't then send any money in a named envelope

Don't

- Send your child to school if he/she or has symptoms of Covid 19 or has been in close contact with anyone who has tested positive

- Send your child to school with anything other than a water bottle, PE kit, packed lunch (if needed) and phone (Y5 only).
- Bring your child's bike or scooter to school unless you plan to carry it home again.
- Smoke or vape whilst waiting in the queue for your child to come into school
- Bring more than one adult to school
- If you have more than one child, don't bring them at the later time as there will be no-one to take them to their bubble
- Let your child (or dog) get too close to other families whilst waiting
- Arrive before your child's allocated time
- Enter the school site unless your child is in one of the year groups where this has been arranged
- Hang about chatting outside school after your child has gone in – walk and talk
- Go to the school office without arranging an appointment

I know this may seem a bit harsh, but it is in everyone's interests to follow these rules to keep safe. We look forward to the day when we can let you all back into the playground and the children can be free to run about, but until then please follow these protocols and help to make that day come sooner. Thank you.

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