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Updated Covid-19 Guidance for September 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

As you may be aware, the government has proposed changes to the current Covid-19 operational guidance for schools, which will be effective from September. The guidance is based on the government moving the country into step 4 of the 'roadmap' out of lockdown, which will happen during the summer holidays. As a result of the new guidance, we will be making the following proportionate updates to our operational procedures from September 2nd:

Class Bubbles

There will no longer be a necessity to keep children in class bubbles. However, in order to make it easier to track who children and adults have been with, should there be cases of the virus, we will keep children in whole year group bubbles wherever we can during the day. If children do cross year groups for whatever reason, this will be recorded in order to contact trace. This does mean that they will once again be able to play with the children in the other year group class at break time and lunch time, as well as sit and have lunch together. It also means that teaching assistants and other staff can work across both classes with mixed groups of children in order to provide increased support throughout the day.

The flexibility to be able to mix bubbles does mean that we can resume assemblies, after school clubs and other gatherings together as a school when necessary. This situation will be reviewed regularly at the start of the new school year and may be adapted accordingly as we progress through the autumn, as we also need to be in a position to be able to revert back to tighter restrictions should we need to, or should it be enforced through local contingency plans.

Start Times, Lunch Times and Home Times

Due to the removal of class bubbles, schools can now make their own decisions around staggered times. We have carefully reviewed our procedures throughout the day and believe that it is sensible to keep some staggered times, for reasons related to the virus and for other organisational reasons we have seen the benefits of in the past year. Therefore, we will continue to have two drop off times in the morning, and two pick-up times at the end of the day in order to have less people on the site at one time. We have slightly adjusted the times to make it easier for parents with children in multiple classes (**please see the timetable attached**). Children will also continue to have staggered lunch times and break times, as we have noticed a considerable difference in the calmness on the yards and in the dinner hall when less children are trying to use the same space and equipment at once.

Teachers in all year groups will continue to meet their classes outside on the yards, as they have done all this last year, and will continue to see them out at the end of the day in the same places. We feel that this has provided a good degree of daily communication in all year groups, when needed, as well as a calm and settled start to the day as children enter the building with their class teachers. Parents can continue to enter the foyer if necessary. Meetings can happen inside the building if necessary, but some meetings might continue to happen using video technology.





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Self-Isolation

At the next step of the government's roadmap, children under the age of 18 will not need to self-isolate unless they have virus symptoms or have tested positive for Covid-19. This will come into operation in August. Contacts will instead be informed by NHS track and trace (or school) and advised to go for a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so. Adults who have received both vaccination jabs will also not need to self-isolate unless they themselves have symptoms or have tested positive. This should limit the detrimental impact of self-isolation periods on education and stop whole classes and school staff having to stay at home for single cases. This does not mean it cannot happen, however, as we might be advised to isolate whole classes dependent upon the amount of cases in one class.

Home learning will continue to be provided next year, where necessary, for children being asked to isolate who remain well. We will continue to encourage good hand hygiene and enhanced cleaning throughout the day will remain in place.

Staff will continue to test themselves at home twice a week up until the end of September, when this will be reviewed again by the government.

As a school, we will begin to ease some of the measures that have been in place throughout the last academic year with due caution, as we still need to ensure we protect the school community as much as we can, but with as little disruption to the education of the children as possible.

If you are unsure of anything, please do not hesitate to get in touch via the school office. I am sure that we will all get used to the updated guidelines very quickly and that we will all adapt in due time, yet again.

Thank you for your cooperation and I hope that you all have a lovely summer.

Yours faithfully,

Mr J Sitch
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Little Teds, Nursery morning session.	Reception, Y1, Y3, Y5	Y2, Y4, Y6	IR
Arrival	Arrival	Arrival	Arrival
8:30 – 8:40	8:40 - 8:50	8.50 - 9:00	8:40 - 8:50
Little Teds, Nursery afternoon session.	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:15	11:30 – 12:30	12:30 – 13:30	11:30 – 12:30
Home Time	Home Time	Home Time	Home Time
3:15	3:10	3:20	3:10

*Please note, **new reception starters** will be on a personalised timetable for their transition period in the first few weeks of school before this will apply to them.

