

5th November, 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have reviewed our procedures based on the increasing number of Covid cases in London and the most recent government guidance.

As a result, we will be introducing further steps to keep everyone safe. These will be in place during the lockdown period.

Smaller Bubbles

Rather than being able to mix across phases, children will now work in their own classes as much as possible. This has implications both inside and outside of class. It means that:

- Interventions will need to be with groups of children from the same class
- During KS1 and KS2 playtimes and lunchtimes, the playground will be split into 3 areas. Each class will be allocated a play area (for that week) and will play with children from their own class and not with children from other classes. Each class will have their own set of equipment.
- Children will have set seats in classrooms – staying with the same group of children as far as possible.

Friendship Groups

To minimise contact further, children will be grouped into friendship groups of 5 to 6 children. These are the children that they will be playing with at playtimes and lunchtimes. This is to reduce contact as much as possible.

Extended School

There will be no after school clubs during the lockdown period – all clubs will be cancelled.

As breakfast club and playcentre offer essential childcare, they will continue. Staffing will be increased over this period so we can keep children in class groups. Playcentre will finish at 5:30pm for everyone who attends during the lockdown period.

Parental Engagement

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All parent- teacher meetings will be held by phone this term.
Parent/carer coffee mornings will be starting via zoom in the next few weeks.

Xmas productions, Nativity and Leaving Dos

Any whole school celebration means large numbers of people coming together and therefore increases risk. So, regrettably, we will not be able to have an end of term production, Christmas Fair, nativity and / or any leaving celebrations. This is a real shame, I know, but we will start organising assemblies / events at a later date, when it is safe to do so.

Treats / Well-being

It is with real sadness that we put these further restrictions in place. We must do everything we can to keep everyone safe and this includes reducing potential contact and maintaining social distancing.

Children's well-being is of course paramount. We will make sure that children understand why we are taking these steps and ensure they know that these measures are only temporary. We will also be organising a range of well-being activities that children can look forward to, e.g. a film afternoon, competition etc. Children and staff will have fun thinking of new ideas.

We all look forward to our normal school provision returning. In the meantime, we all need to work together to keep safe and well.

With very best wishes,

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