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Returning to school – COVID-19 measures

Dear Parents / Carers,

Firstly, Happy New Year! We hope that you and your families have been able to have a restful, enjoyable and safe festive break. We hope that you (and your child/ren) are looking forward to the school re-opening on Wednesday 5th.



Prior to this, we are writing to provide some updates on COVID-19 measures in place. As previous correspondence on these matters, we ask for your support in adhering to the schools' systems. It is in everyone's interests that the school remains open and is able to function as normally as possible.

Below is an overview of the measures in place

Testing on return to school



Unlike secondary settings, primary children will not be tested on their return to school. **Should your child be displaying a COVID-19 symptom they should not be returning to school and a PCR test should be sought.**

All school staff will have a negative LFD test before returning to school. Once returned they will once again commence their twice weekly LFD testing.

Close Contacts of COVID-19 Cases

If your child is identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19 they should have an LFD test every day for seven days. During this time, they can continue to attend school as normal, **unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.**



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Illness

- It's remains parents' responsibility to ensure their child is well enough to attend school each day.
- **If your child is ill** and unable to attend, you should **notify the school office 01244 455288**.



Illness – COVID-19

- **No-one with any COVID-19 symptom should attend school for any reason.**
- The three main symptoms remain
 - A high temperature
 - A new continuous cough
 - A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste



Child exhibiting a COVID-19 symptom in school

If COVID-19 symptoms are observed in school, the child will be isolated from others immediately and parents will be asked to collect.

- It is expected that parents will **collect as soon as possible**.
- A **PCR test** should then be arranged.
- The child will not be able to return to school until a negative test outcome and they are well enough to do so. If they test positive they will be required to follow the guidance regarding self-isolation and school should be informed.



Changes to the self-isolation period for positive cases

- Since Wednesday 22nd December, the 10-day self-isolation period for people who record a positive PCR test result has been reduced to 7 days. Individuals may now take an LFD test on day 6 and 7 of their self-isolation period. Those who receive two negative test results are no longer required to complete 10 full days of self-isolation. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 6 of the self-isolation period and tests must be taken 24 hours apart. If both tests are negative, and there is no high temperature, your child may end their self-isolation after the second negative test result and return to school from day 8 onwards.
- **Anyone who is unable to take an LFD test will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.**





Vaccinations for at-risk 5-11 year olds

The NHS is working through updated guidance currently. It is likely that at-risk children aged 5-11 years will be offered a vaccine in the coming weeks.

Face coverings



- When we return to school it is a personal decision whether you wear a face covering on site at drop off and collection. Should you wish to wear one, please continue to do so.
- **We will insist on face coverings if**
 - **you are speaking to a member of staff face to face.**
 - **you intend to enter the school building.**

Social Distancing

- Please continue to be mindful of social distancing when on the school site.
- This is especially important when there are large numbers of adults, such as drop off and collection times, or when speaking to members of school staff.



Arrival at school and collection at the end of the day



Gates open at 08:45
Gates closed at 09:00



Key stage 1 15:15 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)
Key stage 2 15:20 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time in the morning. Repeated lateness has a significant impact on a child's education.

Contacting School

We are still mindful of keeping visitors to the school to a minimum. We therefore request that whenever possible contact the school office via phone or email.

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Before and After School Provision



- S4YC will run the before and after school provision at school from January.
- Staff from S4YC are in school tomorrow to prepare for the children.
- S4YC have also liaised with the school regarding procedures and systems in place for COVID-19 to ensure a consistent approach throughout.
- Should you require a place at the club please register directly with S4YC. Information on how to do this can be found on the school website.

<https://www.christletonprimaryschool.co.uk/page/before-and-after-school-provision/115999>

Home Learning



With the changes in guidance we are hopeful that home learning will not be required this academic year. Nevertheless, we have plans in place should a local or national lockdown occur to ensure that learning continues.

Moving forward

The school will continue to review the local and national guidance adapting the measures in place when necessary. Any changes to ensure the safety of the school community will be quickly adopted and communicated with you.

We thank you in advance for continuing to support the school and for taking the time to read this information.

We look forward to welcoming you all back on the 5th.

Kind regards,

Mr Mitchell

