



6th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

As we enter another month-long lockdown to contain the spread of Covid-19, I wanted to update you on the steps we have taken in school to keep children, parents and staff as safe as possible.

But, before I do this I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your patience over the past half term and for adapting so well to the changes we have had to put in place. Your flexibility and support is very much appreciated. Despite the difficult situation we find ourselves in, attendance remains high and children continue to enjoy school and make progress.

We have now received updated guidance from the Department for Education and Birmingham City Council and reconsidered our school risk assessment around preventing the spread of Covid-19.

In light of this we will be making the following changes from Monday 9th November:-

- A **one-way system** will be in operation in the school playground. There will be two entrance gates and two exit gates to give families a choice of routes. This is to reduce crowding at pinch points around gates.
- All adults (unless exempt) will be required to wear a **face covering or visor** whilst on the school site
- **Retractable barriers** will allow children easy access to their classroom doors. Please can we ask that family members dropping off and collecting children stay behind the barrier to allow for social distancing.
- **Ventilation in classrooms** will be increased to ensure the air in them is changed regularly. Children will therefore benefit from an **additional, long sleeve layer of clothing** under their school uniform during the winter months.

Our aim is to ensure the school remains a welcoming and easily accessible site, one where people are able to keep their distance and feel safe, but are still able to communicate with teachers and interact with friends.

We politely ask that you continue to follow Government guidelines around social distancing, regular handwashing and face coverings, as well as allowing extra time for journeys to and from school to avoid rushing and overcrowding. Classroom doors will continue to be open for an extended period at the beginning (8.30-9.00am) and end (3.05-3.25pm) of the day.

Thank you again for your support. If you have any concerns or wish to discuss this further please contact the school office on 0121 453 2636.

Yours in partnership

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