



Friday 3rd September 2021

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have enjoyed the summer holidays and are very much looking forward to school starting back again next week. We really cannot wait to have the children back at school, including our new Nursery and Reception children!

Last academic year was unprecedented for us and whilst the changes we had in place were necessary to control the spread of the virus, we appreciate that they caused disruption to children and families. Following the latest operational guidance for schools and guidance from Trafford Public Health, I am pleased to confirm the exact arrangements for the reopening of school next week. You can refer to the government's revised guidance for schools at the following [link](#).

What is staying the same?

- If your child develops symptoms of Covid-19 (a new continuous cough, a high temperature, a loss or change to their sense of taste or smell), they must not come to school and should remain at home. They must get a PCR test as soon as possible and isolate until the result is available.
- If your child tests positive for Covid-19, they must still isolate for 10 days.
- Hygiene and cleaning routines will continue to be part of everyday practice and will remain a high priority. Hand sanitising and hand washing will continue to remain a focus. We would ask that all parents and carers follow the same hygiene measures at home.
- Attendance continues to be mandatory. All children are expected to attend school and all rules on school attendance apply.
- We continue to follow all guidelines the government produce which includes having a clear risk assessment in place as well as having a robust plan for any Covid outbreaks that may occur. This document can be found on our school website.
- Thorough cleaning of the classrooms will continue to take place daily, with toilets cleaned at lunchtimes.
- All working areas within the building will continue to remain well-ventilated (windows and doors open) where safe and appropriate to do so and a comfortable teaching environment will be maintained by increasing the heating where necessary. Children are permitted to wear additional items of clothing in addition to the school's uniform, such as fleeces, extra layers etc.
- The one-way system will stay in place to keep everyone moving. Parents and children must continue to enter the site using the main pedestrian gate, and exit the site using the double car park gate. These entrances and exits are clearly labelled, and a member of the Senior Leadership Team will be there to guide you.
- We will continue to ask parents to wait outside the school rather than coming in unless you have an appointment. This will be reviewed at half term.

- The first round of parent's evenings will take place the week beginning 18th October, and these will stay as a remote meeting to limit the number of people coming together onsite at one time.
- School uniform is required, except on allocated P.E. days, when children must wear a P.E. kit to school. Uniform should be cleaned with your normal washing products no more regularly than before the start of the coronavirus outbreak.
- Children in Year 1 and Year 2 will need to bring in a pencil case from home containing their own individual resources. Children must limit items brought into school to essential items - outdoor coats, book bag, reading books, library books, homework, sun cream, sun hat. These may be brought in book bags. Bags **must not** have anything attached to them (i.e. small trinkets, key rings etc.).
- Children may bring a labelled water bottle for their own use. This must be taken home each afternoon and cleaned and refilled at home ready for the following day.
- Children must not bring any toys or teddies to school.
- Breakfast Club and After School Club will continue to run, with Breakfast Club opening at 7:45am and After School Club closing at 5:45pm.

What is different to last year?

- Contact tracing will be carried out by NHS Test and Trace so the correct advice can be offered to contacts. Any contacts aged under 18 years and 6 months will be exempt from isolation. Therefore, in the event of a positive case in a class, the positive case will isolate, but the rest of the class will not have to. For further details, please refer to a separate letter sent out along with this correspondence.
- It is no longer necessary to keep children in consistent groups or 'bubbles'. For the vast majority of the time of course, children will continue to remain within their class and year group. For phonics, breaktimes, lunchtimes, assemblies, Breakfast Club and After School Club etc, children will be allowed to mix with others as they used to do.
- We will not be implementing staggered start and end times, although we will be providing a window of 10 minutes for drop off and pick up. This will be reviewed at half term.

	Drop Off Between	Pick Up Between
Nursery Mornings	8:30am to 9am	11:30am
Nursery (all day)	8:30am to 9am	3:05pm to 3:20pm
Rest of school	8:50am to 9am	3:05pm to 3:15pm

- Assemblies will resume. Golden Book Assembly will be back up and running every Friday, where we will see the return of hot chocolate and marshmallows!
- We expect that performances will be able to have an audience... we're already thinking about our Christmas Shows, which will take place in the second half of the Autumn Term.
- Educational day trips can go ahead.
- Parents and carers may choose to bring more than one adult onsite although we do recommend only one person to keep numbers as low as possible. Parents are asked however not to congregate in the playground.
- An outbreak management plan has been written alongside the risk assessment. The school's outbreak management plan covers the possibility that it may become necessary to reintroduce 'bubbles' or other measures for a temporary period.

Safety measures – How you can help?

As well as following the arrangements our school has put in place, you can also help by:

- Reinforcing with your child the need for good respiratory hygiene, by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach, which school will be doing.
- Continuing to wash hands regularly – this remains one of the best preventative measures against the virus.
- Not sending your child to school if they have Covid symptoms or test positive. Please still notify the school immediately in these circumstances.
- Taking part in the NHS Test and Trace process if your child develops symptoms so that cases can be identified quickly – this means, you should arrange for them to get a PCR test and let school know the results.

See you soon!

Children in Year 1 and Year 2 will return to school on Monday 6th September 2021. If your child is in Nursery or Reception, you will have received the information about their staggered start to school in September.

I am sure that this year is going to hold many surprises for us all as always, but we will face anything that comes our way with positivity and remain honest and open at all times. We can't wait to welcome everyone back and especially to see the children's smiling and excited faces. We have a great curriculum planned and lots of opportunities for experiences which we have missed being able to provide previously.

I really hope that you enjoy the final few days of the holiday.

Very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "S Hodgson".

Mr Hodgson and the Templemoor Team