

Chesterfield Primary School

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Dear Parents,

We hope you and your families have had a safe and enjoyable summer and are looking forward to starting school **tomorrow!** The staff are ready to help your children settle quickly and successfully so that they can make the best progress possible in their learning.

As always at this time of year we have new staff and the children have moved classrooms, which means new routines. In order to help you I am writing to ask that you drop the children off at any of the Chesterfield Road playground gates at 8:50. If you need to speak to a class teacher please leave a message with staff on gate duty, ring and leave a telephone message or email the office.

At the end of the day please make arrangements to meet your youngest child at the class collection point, and your other children should join you there. Staff will help organise this for younger children in school that may need to be accompanied. At the collection points, may we request that you are patient so that we can dismiss the children safely to your care. **All pupils will finish school at 3.15pm.**

Also if there are any changes to your collection routine for any reason, please can I ask that you inform school by phone or letter as soon as possible. For example, if a different person comes to collect a child we need to have knowledge in advance, and your permission- preferable in writing.

Collection Points are as follows:

- Nursery and Reception – large playgrounds by reception gates
- Year 1, 2 and 5 - Small Playground
- Year 3, 4 and 6 - Large Playground

Changes to COVID-19 measures at school

In line with the wider removal of COVID-19 restrictions throughout the country, please see below the following changes that will be in place in line with the new guidance:

- **Bubble system:** It is no longer recommended that it is necessary to keep children in consistent groups. This means that children will be able to mix with each other e.g. during phonics sets, interventions, at play and lunchtimes. We will also be having assemblies together in the hall.
- **If your child develops COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive test:** Your child **should not** come to school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or if they have to quarantine (e.g. have visited a red country). If your child develops [COVID-19 symptoms](#), however mild, they will be sent home and you should follow public health advice. You should get a PCR test to check if your child has COVID-19 as soon as possible and your child should stay at home and self isolate until they have had the test results back. If your child tests positive, your child is required to self isolate.

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Please inform the school ASAP. If your child has a positive LFD test result, they should also self-isolate in line with the [guidance](#). Whilst waiting for the PCR result, your child should continue to self isolate at home and not attend school. Please also inform the school of any positive LFD result.

- **Self-isolation for children:** From Monday 16 August unvaccinated young people up to the age of 18 years and 6 months and fully vaccinated adults, are no longer required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19. Those identified as a close contact will be informed by NHS Test and Trace that they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We strongly encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so. There is no requirement to self-isolate while awaiting PCR test results and your child can attend school as usual. If your child has been identified as a close contact, they can continue to attend school as usual.
- **Contact tracing:** Schools are no longer required to contact trace.
- **Face coverings:** Face coverings will no longer be advised for staff and visitors either in classrooms, in communal areas or during drop off and pick up (they are currently not advised for children). The government has removed the requirement to wear face coverings by law but expects and recommends that they are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet. We do recommend parents wear face coverings if they are invited to school building e.g. to watch performances, class assemblies, Meet the Teacher, come learn with me and during parents consultations.

We will follow the four control measures below, in line with the current guidance:

1. **Ensuring good hygiene for everyone:** Frequent and thorough hand cleaning will continue to be regular practice. We will continue to encourage children and adults to clean their hands regularly, with soap and water or hand sanitiser. The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach will continue to be very important for good respiratory hygiene.
2. **Maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes, using standard products such as detergents:** We will continue to maintain an appropriate cleaning schedule. This includes regular cleaning of areas and equipment with a particular focus on frequently touched surfaces.
3. **Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated:** We will continue to ensure our school is well ventilated and that a comfortable teaching environment is maintained.
4. **Following public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19:** We will continue to advise that pupils, staff and adults follow the public advice on testing, self-isolating and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19 in line with the guidance.

It is recommended that households test twice weekly for COVID-19 using rapid lateral flow tests. Around 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 do not have symptoms. Rapid lateral flow tests help to find cases in people who may have no symptoms but are still infectious and can give the virus to others. It is therefore recommended that **children** and staff are **tested before they start school**. Please click [here](#) for more information about ordering rapid lateral flow tests.

In line with the advice from the Local Authority and Public Health England, we will only be informing parents of positive cases of COVID in the school if the number of cases substantially increases and reaches the thresholds identified in our COVID-19 outbreak management plan.

We are all very much looking forward to welcoming your child back to school tomorrow morning. Please do get in touch if you have any questions. We thank you for your patience and co-operation while we all get used to the new arrangements. Stay safe, keep healthy and look after yourselves and your family.

Kind Regards,

Zoe Hussain and Kelly Gradwell