



Sunday 5 September 2021

## **Return to school- reminder**

Dear Families,

I hope that you have enjoyed the last few days of the summer and that your child (children) is looking forward to returning to school tomorrow.

Further to my letter, sent on 25 August, I just wanted to remind you of a few key points to ensure that we all get off to a safe and positive start to the new school year!

### **Arrival and keeping everyone safe**

Children can arrive at school **between 8.45 and 8.55am**. We hope this drop-off window provides some flexibility for you as families whilst also helping to ease congestion around the site. Please encourage them to go straight into the classroom where their teacher will be waiting to greet them. We will be **locking the gates promptly at 8.55am**. Any child arriving after this time, must enter through the school office.

We will continue to use the **one-way system around the school site**. Families can enter either via the green gate nearest the main office or the Barton gate. To leave the site, please use the green gate nearest the bike sheds or the Barton gate. If your child is attending Breakfast Club, we kindly ask that you also follow the one-way system and ensure that your child goes to the hall doors to sign in for the session.

Please respect everyone's views and feelings by avoiding congregating near walkways. Masks are no longer compulsory but, in line with government advice, please feel free to wear these when around larger groups or people that you may not usually mix with.

### **Picking up from school**

The end of school times are: **3.20pm for EYFS and KS1 and 3.30pm for KS2**. Please continue to leave the school site promptly once you have collected your child/ children.

### **New EYFS pupils**

Our youngest children will be attending school in either group A or group B. Children in group A should arrive for 9.00am and enter the site via the green gate nearest the main school office. Group B should arrive for 12.30pm. We look forward to your child's first (half) day at CCH!

### **Office building works**

During the summer, we have had builders in school to redesign the office spaces at the front of the school. Unfortunately, the main school office is not quite complete so we have had to rehouse the office team in the school library for this coming week.

To avoid unnecessary congestion at the front of the school, **please only come to the main school office if you have an urgent matter.** Otherwise, we would greatly appreciate you contacting us by telephone or email where we will gladly help to answer any questions.

### **What to do if someone displays symptoms**

**If your child, or anyone in your household, develops symptoms of Covid-19, then you are still required to book a PCR test and self-isolate.** However, close contacts (including household members) of positive cases no longer need to self-isolate if:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved Covid-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

**Please support our school community by keeping your child at home if they have any symptoms of Covid-19 or have tested positive.** If your child tests positive using a LFD (lateral flow) test, they should self-isolate and take a PCR test. We will continue to contact families should a child develop symptoms whilst in school and ask for them to be picked up. At this point, it is expected that you book them to have a PCR test to ascertain whether or not they have the virus.

It is of vital importance that you continue to inform us, at the earliest opportunity, if your child has symptoms or is awaiting a PCR test.

### **Local and national information**

Attached with this letter, you will find a letter from the Director of Children's Services and Public Health in South Gloucestershire as well as a leaflet from the Department for Education. These are designed to support the key messages that we have been giving as a school and to reassure parents and carers about the return to school this term.

Thank you for your continued support. We are very excited to welcome all of our children and families back to school tomorrow and we are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead!

Yours faithfully,



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Headteacher