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Dear Parents,

I hope you've all had a lovely Summer and managed to enjoy some precious time with friends and family.

As we approach the end of August, it is time to think about the start of the new academic year. We are planning for a more 'normal' return, with children and staff being able to mix freely across the site and educational visits, sports fixtures and off-site activities back on the timetable.

Although government restrictions have lifted, it is clear that COVID-19 will be a feature of our lives for the foreseeable future and therefore some infection control measures will remain, such as ensuring teaching spaces are well ventilated; regular washing of hands and ensuring good respiratory hygiene - the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' approach

### **COVID 19 symptoms and positive tests**

Any pupil or adult showing coronavirus symptoms will be asked to return home and book a PCR test. Providing the child/adult is feeling well, he/she can return to school once a negative PCR test result has been received.

Government guidance now states that double vaccinated adults and children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. Instead, they will be informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so. We will continue to have a role in working with health protection teams in the case of a local outbreak and value your support with this.

Please remember to inform us if your child is off school poorly – COVID or otherwise.

### **Drop-off and pick-up**

We will no longer be operating staggered start and finish times but we are kindly asking that parents continue to follow the one-way system in order to facilitate movement around the school at the start and end of the day.

The school day will begin at 8:45 for all children\*. Little Oaks children will be met at their gate by their teachers; children in Beech and Maple should meet their teachers at their classroom doors on the large, back playground and children in Ash, Elm and Willow should meet on the front playground where they will be collected by their respective class teachers. Parents are asked not to wait on the front playground.



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At the end of the day, all classes except for Ash, will be dismissed through their external classroom doors at 3:15. Children in Ash class will leave through the main front doors. Parents collecting children from Ash, Elm and Willow should wait in the carpark and do not need to enter the one-way system unless collecting younger sibling.

\* Little Oaks children have different start and finish times for the first 3 weeks. All reception children will be full time from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Drinks and snacks**

We continue to ask children to bring in their own labelled water bottle to sip throughout the day and use at break and lunch. A healthy morning snack is also encouraged, this could include: · Types of plain biscuits, rice cakes, oat cakes, plain popcorn, breadsticks, crackers etc · Any fresh or dried fruit/vegetables · Any snacks which are real fruit/vegetable based – eg Fruit Winders, Bear Yo-Yos/claws etc. As an allergy aware school, we kindly ask that children do not bring in food containing or derived from nuts. This is vital to protect our children with allergies. The National Fruit and Vegetable scheme will continue to provide daily fruit and vegetables for Reception and KS1 children to have at playtime.

### **Parking**

To ensure the safety of the children and everyone who visits the site, do not drive into the carpark or park outside the school gates. Please park considerately on residential roads around the school.

### **Term Dates**

Please note that the term dates for 21/22 have changed slightly since they were published due to Wiltshire Council's inclusion of an additional day of holiday in lieu of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The revised dates are attached.

Enjoy this Bank Holiday Weekend and we look forward to seeing you all refreshed and raring to go on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

Best wishes,

Jo Hodge  
Headteacher