



FIR BANK PRIMARY

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Dear Parent / Carer,

We hope that you have had a good summer and looking forward to the children returning to school on Tuesday 7th September 2021 (Years 1-6 ONLY).

Reception and Nursery children please refer to original email sent out in July for start days and times.

As you are aware from August 16th children under the age of 18 who have been identified as a close contact will not have to self-isolate (in line with the policy for fully vaccinated adults) but will be asked to take a PCR test immediately if they display symptoms (high temperature, new and persistent cough, loss of taste and smell). The person with symptoms **MUST** self-isolate. Individuals are not 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, and any of the following apply:

- 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

If the PCR test is positive, they will be required to self-isolate for 10 days from the date of the test. NHS Test and Trace will then get in touch to provide appropriate instructions or advice. Please also communicate the result to school as soon as possible.

PCR tests can be booked online through the NHS Test and Trace website or by calling 119.

Current guidelines for schools

- Schools are no longer required to maintain year group bubbles. School starts at 8.55am for children in Reception to Year 6. Nursery will open at 9.00am. Nursery children will go home at 3.00pm, all other year groups will go home at 3.15pm. Yellow Class children will come through the same door as last year and go home through this door.
- Pupils who show Covid symptoms will be sent home to be tested.
- Schools will no longer be required to undertake contact tracing. Therefore, no self-isolation will be required for children who are identified as being in close contact with a positive case.
- The wearing of face coverings for adults on the school site will be optional.



- Remote education will continue for those children who test positive and are then required to self-isolate.

Although we recognise that the past 18 months have been an enormously challenging time for everyone we are excited that Fir Bank is getting back to 'normal' and we look forward in sharing this journey with you and your child/children.

Thank you for your continued support. We really do appreciate it.

Kind regards,

Rachael McLaughlin & Rob Walker
Co-Head Teachers

