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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a lovely summer! The staff and I are excited about welcoming you all back for the start of what we hope will be a year where some normality prevails! I have some updated guidance to share with you which can be read in full here:

[What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges)

The operational guidance for schools has also been updated and I would like to share with you some key messages:

- We will no longer be functioning in bubbles. This means that whole school worship can resume as can the usual lunchtime and playtime arrangements.
- Each school will have their own 'Outbreak Management Plan' which will only be enforced should there be a surge in cases in the local area and we are advised to by Public Health England. This will be available on the school websites over the next few weeks.
- We ask that you please keep testing your child/ren if they begin to display any COVID-19 symptoms and share the results with us. Although we no longer have to do contact tracing ourselves, we do still have to record our daily attendance to the DfE and this includes information on absences related to COVID.
- Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors either in classrooms or in communal areas.
- CO2 monitors are being provided to all state-funded education settings from September, so staff can quickly identify where ventilation needs to be improved. These have not come into school yet but we should have them by the end of September.
- Staff will continue to undertake twice weekly home tests whenever they are on site until the end of September, when this will be reviewed.
- Staff and pupils with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate in line with the [stay at home guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#). They will also need to [get a free PCR test to check if they have COVID-19](#).

Whilst awaiting the PCR result, the individual should continue to self-isolate.

If the PCR test is taken within 2 days of the positive lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test and the pupil can return to school, as long as the individual doesn't have COVID-19 symptoms.

We shall be sharing diary dates for the year next week following our staff meetings tomorrow, so please do look out for these.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch. I look forward to seeing you all at the end of the week!

With very best wishes

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