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Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Sunday 5th September 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your family have had a good summer and that the children are refreshed and ready to return on Tuesday (Pre-School on Wednesday) for what I am sure will be a very busy but hopefully positive year.

As you will be aware, guidance on COVID-19 measures has changed considerably. We have carefully studied the guidance which can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance> We have updated our risk assessment accordingly: <https://www.thecarey federation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/RA100-V-2.7-The-Carey-Federation.docx.pdf>

Below is a summary of the key guidance and how we are applying it to the Federation. Then follows more general information about the new term.

If a Child or Staff Member / Visitor Presents with COVID-19 Symptoms

Pupils, staff and other adults should not come into school if they have symptoms or have had a positive test result. If anyone in school develops [COVID-19 symptoms](#), however mild, they will be sent home and they should follow public health advice. In discussion with parents, we will provide Remote Learning for a child who has to isolate if they are well enough to do the work. Children should remain at home until their acute symptoms resolve (+24 hours for a fever).

Close Contacts

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, if 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.

Staff and children should continue to attend school as normal. Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, 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.



Face Coverings

Face coverings are no longer advised for staff (but some may choose to wear them). Parents can choose whether or not to wear a face covering at drop-off and pick-up; please kindly respect each other's choices. We will ask visitors to undertake an LFD test prior to visiting. If they are able to do this and the result is negative, we will not require them to wear a face covering. However, if a visitor has not undertaken an LFD test, we will require them to wear a face covering.

Bubbles

It is no longer recommended to keep children in consistent groups ('bubbles'). This means that as well as enabling flexibility in curriculum delivery, this means that live assemblies can resume, and we no longer need to make alternative arrangements to avoid mixing at lunch and break times.

Hygiene and Ventilation

We will maintain an appropriate cleaning schedule with a particular focus on frequently touched surfaces. We will endeavour to keep rooms ventilated but this will balance the need to maintain a comfortable temperature. We will continue to encourage pupils to clean their hands regularly with soap and water or sanitizer. Please let us know if your child cannot use sanitizer.

Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Testing

We will continue to ask our staff and providers to undertake twice weekly LFD tests.

September 2021 Arrangements

We will return to a **soft start drop-off from 8:50 – 9:00 am**. Which means you can drop-off any time between these times but children **must be in by 9:00 am**. All children will be collected at **3:30 pm**. We will continue to drop-off and pick-up from the side gate, as this has worked well. Face-coverings for parents and carers are entirely optional.

Class 1 will return to their own classroom so the hall will be back in full use for lunches and PE.

Please can children bring in PE kits at the start of term and leave these in school. They will change in to PE kits in school so uniform will be worn daily. **Class 1 (including Pre-School) will have Wild Tribe on Fridays for the first half of the Autumn Term** and will require water proofs or long sleeves and trousers (not jeans) and wellingtons to change into. **A text will be sent to confirm whether Wild Tribe will commence on Friday 10th or 17th September.**

After School Clubs will resume the week of 13th September and details will be sent out this week. Morning Health Club from 8:00 am will resume from **Tuesday 7th September**. We will resume offering a healthy breakfast so the charge will be £2.75 per session. This must be booked by **3:00 pm on the previous working day** using the SchoolMoney app.

Celebration Assembly will be on Friday mornings. We hope to invite parents back in to these but please give us a few weeks to settle back into school and to get the children settled into the new term. I hope this information has given clarity to ease the start of term. I very much look forward to welcoming the children back and wish them all luck for the new term.

Mrs Ruh Alford, Executive Headteacher