

14th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of some changes to our Covid protocols which will take place from Monday 17th May, following release of the latest guidance and discussions within the Trust.

- From 17th May, the wearing of face coverings by parents/carers and staff during drop-off and pick-up will be optional. This was initially put in place at my request and was never a part of the official guidance; I am very grateful to staff and parents/carers for complying with this request but it now seems an appropriate time to relax this 'rule'. I would ask parents/carers to continue to do their best to observe social distancing at these times.
- Staff and visitors to the school will still be required to wear a face covering when moving around in the building in areas where it is difficult to socially distance.
- From 17th May, teachers will no longer be required to have children seated in forward-facing rows in class. Teachers will be able to arrange furniture to suit individual lessons.

Whilst these are welcome and encouraging changes, I understand that some members of our community will still have concerns about the virus and will want to continue to wear a face covering on the school premises.

Our updated Risk Assessment is available on the school website where you will see the full details of recent changes highlighted in yellow.

I hope you all enjoy a very good weekend.

With kind regards,

Tim Broad

Headteacher

