



Friday 23rd July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Information for September 2021

Children in year 1 to year 6 will be returning to school on Monday 6th September. From this date the school will be following the government guidance on step 4 of the COVID road map.

As you are aware, July 19th marked the new phase in the government's response to the pandemic, moving away from stringent restrictions on everyone's day-to-day lives, towards advising people on how to protect themselves and others, alongside targeted interventions to reduce risk.

The key messages from this guidance for primary schools are:

- nationally, education and childcare settings are open, and attendance is mandatory (for schools) and strongly encouraged (at childminders, nurseries and colleges)
- over the summer, staff will be continuing to test regularly
- there is no need for primary age pupils (those in year 6 and below) to test over the summer period unless required by Public Health Education
- the school will no longer trace close contacts - close contacts will still be identified via NHS Test and Trace
- your child does not need to remain in a consistent group ('bubble'). Children will be able to mix.
- the government is removing the requirement to wear face coverings in law but expects and recommends that they are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet. At Perivale, we will **continue** to encourage parents wear face coverings on site unless medically exempt.

Attendance

Attendance is mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age. This means it's your legal duty as a parent to send your child to school regularly if they are registered.

If you have concerns about your child attending, you should discuss this with the school.

All clinically extremely vulnerable children and young people should attend school unless they are one of the very small number of children and young people under paediatric or other specialist care who have been advised by their clinician or other specialist not to attend.

Dealing with a suspected case

If your child or a household member develops coronavirus symptoms, then they should stay at home and access PCR testing.

If a pupil develops symptoms at school and is awaiting collection from a parent/carer, government guidance will be followed and the pupil will be moved to a ventilated isolation room.



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Transport Arrangements

Parents are strongly encouraged to walk to school and follow the [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): safer travel guidance for passengers](#).

As a reminder between 8.15 and 9.15 / 2.45 to 3.45 the school street scheme will continue to be in operations (you will incur a fine if your vehicle enters the zone during these times).

We will be continuing with the one way system to ensure everyone's safety.

Staggered start and end times

We will be continuing with our staggered start and end times as a measure to help reduce the spread of infection. Please adhere to the following timings:

Nursery 8:30 – 11:30

Nursery 12:30 – 3:30

Reception – 9.00 – 3.20

Year 2, 3, 5 – 8.40 – 3.00

Year 1, 4, 6 – 8.50 – 3.10

To reduce risk of infection on entry to school, staff and pupils will continue to wash their hands with anti-bacterial or soap.

The whole school risk assessment has been revised to reflect the changes which will be implemented from 6th September 2021 and can be accessed on the school website.

Thanking you for your support over the past year.

Have a lovely summer holiday.

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Head Teacher