



## MANBY LODGE INFANT SCHOOL

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### **Headteacher Newsletter – 2021-22 - Number ONE – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the Autumn term. We're very much looking forward to seeing children return to Year 1 and 2 tomorrow after the summer holidays. We also look forward to welcoming our new Reception children on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September, although we are looking forward to seeing them when they visit with their parents, and on their taster day next Thursday or Friday.

I will send a newsletter home every two weeks (on a Friday), but I thought that it would be useful to share some information regarding COVID operations before your children start back at school. We have adapted our Risk Assessment to reflect the changes in the guidance from the DfE and the Local Authority.

**We plan to review these systems of control at the end of September, or earlier, if guided to do so.**

The full guidance from the DfE is available [here](#). You will find our school updated Risk Assessment along with this newsletter. It is also available on our school website on the COVID page.

#### **When an individual develops COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive test**

If a child or staff member develops COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive test they must follow public health advice on [when to self-isolate and what to do](#).

**Children should not come into school if they have symptoms, or have had a positive test result.**

#### **Lateral Flow Testing**

Staff will continue to test themselves twice weekly. We also encourage parents with school age children to test themselves using LFTs regularly.

#### **Temperatures**

We will no longer take childrens' temperatures when they come into school. We will continue to take the temperature of all adults who come into school.

#### **Masks**

Staff can wear a mask or visor in school if they wish to.

We will no longer ask parents and carers to wear a mask in the playground, however we will ask adult visitors who come inside the school building to wear a mask.

#### **Ventilation**

We will continue to keep doors and windows open to ensure that space inside school has good air flow.

### **Bubbles**

Schools are no longer advised to keep children in separate bubbles and we will resume assembly in the hall and mixed breaktimes (for Year 1 and 2 children). Lunch will be eaten in the hall by one year group at a time. We plan to return to Family Service from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

At lunchtime all year groups, including Reception will play in the playground together. Reception children are given the option for the first few weeks of term, to stay in a quieter area rather than going into the main playground.

### **Staggered drop-off / Pick up**

As you will be aware we decided to keep our staggered drop-off and pick-up arrangements (partly as this helps with reducing traffic issues). Timings are as follows:

|               |          |          |         |                          |
|---------------|----------|----------|---------|--------------------------|
| <b>8.45am</b> | Duckling | Hedgehog | Lion    | <b>Pick up at 2.55pm</b> |
| <b>8.50am</b> | Cygnets  | Squirrel | Tiger   | <b>Pick up at 3.00pm</b> |
| <b>8.55am</b> | Gosling  | Fox      | Leopard | <b>Pick up at 3.05pm</b> |

### **In the case of a Serious Covid-19 outbreak**

We hope that we will have no further disruptions to childrens' learning but we are prepared and ready to adopt systems quickly in the case that there are serious outbreaks of COVID-19 in our school, or in the local area.

### **Information about your child's week at school**

There will be no PE this week. PE lessons will resume next week and Year Group Leaders will send information regarding days and whether or not you need to send your child dressed in their PE kit on the day.

My fingers are crossed for a much better year this year! Next week we will also send you Key Dates for this term.

See you all very soon.

Kind regards,

*Miriam Morris*