

20th July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

As we move forward into the next academic year, we follow another set of government guidance for implementation. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of my familiar refrain and disclaimer, that plans can change as the national and local picture develops.

As a parent myself, I know that it is imperative we have an informed awareness of the measures schools will take and have continuing confidence in schools to do things correctly. I hope this letter gives you both these elements but I would also encourage you to use the links to government guidance for parents and carers here: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus/education-and-childcare>

The Government has given schools clear guidance that all pupils, in all year groups, will return to school full-time from the beginning of the Autumn Term. The use of bubbles will disappear from 16th August and contact-tracing in schools has already been removed so the school will, in many ways, revert to the majority of its normal operating procedures. However, the guidance does contain the retention of certain controls.

Our Commitment to Health and Safety

I can reassure you that the health and safety of our students and staff is **the** priority. We will adhere fully to Government guidance. In line with that guidance, we will be continuing with the range of approaches and actions which create an inherently safer environment, where the risk of transmission of infection is substantially reduced. This includes adherence to the four controls set out by the government.

The school should:

1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone.

Regular hand sanitisation will remain in communal areas, corridors and classrooms and the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach continues to be very important.

2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.

Classrooms continue to be supplied with cleaning equipment to ensure regular touchpoints are easily wiped and schedules for cleaning remain.

3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.

Windows and internal doors will still be left open to improve natural ventilation whilst we endeavour to maintain a comfortable temperature.

4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19

Our Plan

The formal risk assessment can be found on the school website. The risk assessment has been agreed by the Trustees of the Community Academies Trust and I would encourage all parents/carers to review it to satisfy themselves that the planning has been thorough and thus the risks are mitigated.

In summary, the school will revert substantially to normal operating procedures while keeping the changes that enhanced the school day. The curriculum remains broad and ambitious. The children will be taught all subjects and interventions to support learning provided where needed.

The table below details the start and end of school day times and where to drop off and collect your children – this is similar to the current system, with less staggered starts. The doors open at the specified time, as we do now.

Class	Start Time	Where	Finish Time
Saplings (Nursery)	8:45am	Glass Corridor	3:15pm (except Friday)
Acorn/Willow (Reception)	9am	Early Years door	3:15pm
Apple/Cherry (Year 1 & 2)	8:55am	Glass Corridor	3:15pm
Sycamore (Year 4)	8:50am	Glass Corridor	3:20pm
Maple (Year 3) Birch/Elder/Oak (Year 5 & 6)	8:50am	Red Wing Playground	3:20pm

For one PE lesson a week we will continue to come to school in PE kit. The second lesson the children will get changed in school and therefore need a PE kit in school. This will be reviewed as the term progresses. Early Years children will also need forest clothing in school. The table below details each classes PE days:

Class	Come to school in PE Kit	Other PE day
Acorn & Willow	Thursday	N/A
Cherry	Tuesday	Monday
Apple	Tuesday	Monday
Maple	Tuesday	Wednesday
Sycamore	Thursday	Wednesday
Birch	N/A (Swimming instead)	Monday
Elder	Tuesday	Thursday
Oak	Tuesday	Thursday

Year 5 children will be swimming for the whole year. This will be Thursdays. A separate letter will be sent out in the new academic year.

It is important to note that while at Chadsmead we will meet and surpass the Government's principles, due to change in the local and national context, the school may be required to adhere to the contingency framework, which manages local outbreaks of Covid-19. Our outbreak management plan will see us revert to many of the guidelines we currently use and could force us to close year groups or fully. Should this be the case we will implement remote learning.

I hope you feel reassured by our detailed planning and preparation. We are all looking forward to welcoming back all children and meeting our youngest members of the school community for the first time.

Yours sincerely,



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