



# Ravenscote Junior School

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Dear Parents/carers,

I hope you are having the most amazing summer. Ahead of our return to school, I wanted to email you with some key updates which will be useful.

From Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August, unvaccinated young people up to the age of 18 years and 6 months and fully vaccinated adults, are no longer 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.

Those identified as a close contact will be informed by NHS Test and Trace that they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We strongly encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so. There is no requirement to self-isolate while awaiting PCR test results and so children can attend school as normal.

Therefore, children who have been identified as a close contact should continue to attend school, whilst awaiting PCR results.

**Please take time to read the guidance attached (households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection), as this will ensure that as a community, we are all keeping each other as safe as possible.**

## Key changes in school:

- No requirement for bubbles or reduced mixing in groups. We are excited about this as it means we are able to return to face to face assemblies including whole school assemblies. All children will also be able to socialise with children from other year groups on the playground.
- It is no longer a requirement to wear face coverings in education and childcare settings. Therefore, members of staff, as well as parents, carers and visitors, may make their own decision about the use of a face mask, when entering the school grounds.
- Education and childcare settings are not asked to undertake routine contact tracing. All contact tracing will be carried out by NHS Test and Trace. However, we have made the decision to inform you if a child in your child's class has had a positive test result. You will then be able to determine whether you feel your child should have a PCR test.

## Continued control measures in school:

- Continue to ensure good hygiene for everyone – including hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene and use of PPE.
- Continue to maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
- Continue to ensure that occupied spaces are well ventilated.
- Continue to follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

## Other information:

- We are going to continue to recommend that parents and carers drop their children at the gates, as it makes the school a less busy place in the mornings. However, if you need to take your child(ren) to their

classroom(s), you may. You may continue to arrange to collect your child(ren) from the playground or the gates at the end of the school day.

- We are going to continue to encourage the one-way system as much as possible during the school day, as it has reduced traffic flow immensely, however, at the start and end of the school day, children (and their parents/carers) may walk the quickest route to their classroom or to the gate.
- Children will continue to wear PE kit to school on PE lesson days. They will not need to wear their PE kit until week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> September. Their teachers will tell them their PE days on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

#### School day timings 2021-2022:

Please be reminded that the school day will be **08:35** (gates open at this time and close at 08:45) **until 15:25** (gates open at 15:20) for all children.

#### Year 3

We will welcome year 3 into school on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. We cannot wait for them to start their journey with us!

Please bring your child(ren) to the school hall. Members of staff will be there to direct you in the morning.

At the end of the day, please come to the playground to meet your child(ren). Again, members of staff will be there to direct you.

After Thursday, your child(ren) will go directly to their classroom door, when they arrive to school. Please discuss, with your child, where you will collect them at the end of the school day.

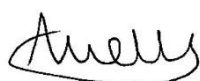
#### Years 4, 5 and 6

We will welcome you all back to school on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. We hope your children will be excited to share the stories of their summers with us!

All children can go directly to their new classroom. Members of staff will be around to help remind any children who may have forgotten where to go.

We are very much looking forward to seeing all of the children later this week.

Best wishes,



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