

Tudor Grange Samworth Academy

A Church of England School



25 August 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you all had a restful break over the holidays and are looking forward to the year ahead. You will be aware that the government set out its plans to move to Step 4 of the roadmap. This marks a new phase in the government's response to the pandemic which moves from stringent restrictions to advice on how we must protect ourselves and each other from risk of COVID-19. This means that schools are now able to remove many of the protective measures we previously had in place and offer our pupils more opportunities to engage in a wider range of school activities. However, before we do this, we must ensure that pupils return to school safely.

Now that we have carefully considered the guidance documents, I am able to share with you our proposed planning for the return of pupils and staff.

The government also set out further guidance for schools which we welcome strongly. This new guidance allows us to plan provision more effectively in school which in turn will give your child(ren) a better educational experience. The key changes are outlined below:

Mixing and 'bubbles'

Pupils and staff are no longer required to stay in groups ('bubbles'). This means that bubbles will not need to be used for any summer provision or in schools from the autumn term.

Assemblies can also resume, and we no longer need to make alternative arrangements to avoid mixing at lunch.

Face coverings

Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors either in classrooms or in communal areas.

The government has removed 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. This includes public transport and dedicated transport to school.

Tracing close contacts and isolation

Close contacts will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace and education settings will no longer be expected to undertake contact tracing.

From 16 August 2021, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case.

We have an outbreak management plan outlining how we will operate if there was an outbreak in our school. We will share this with you in the event of an outbreak.

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We have reviewed our risk assessments in light of the new guidance and the key actions we have taken are:

- We have ensured that all hand sanitisers remain functioning and have been refilled to ensure we can re-establish **good routines for hand hygiene**
- We have worked with our cleaning contractor, Ridgecrest to ensure that our **enhanced cleaning** of the whole school will continue in the Autumn term
- We have reviewed our map of the site to check that we have provided adequate guidance for staff so that they know how to ensure **good ventilation** of every room in the school

Arrival and Dismissal

The school gate will open at 8.20am and close at 8.30am. Due to building work, temporarily children will need to arrive at the top Primary gate collected from the classroom at 3pm.

Uniform

Children will be expected to arrive to school in full school uniform every day. PE kit should be brought to school every Monday taken home on Friday. Children in Year 1 to 6 will change for PE in school.

Finally

I know many of you are looking forward to returning to this normality and we are certainly looking forward to seeing our school working as normal. In the meantime, thank you so much for all you have done to ensure that your child has remained engaged with school, we feel very proud of the partnership we maintained last year with our parents and of the way pupils have responded to the challenges they faced.

Your feedback on the details I have shared in this letter is important to us, please provide any comments by emailing office@samworth.tgacademy.org.uk and we will collate your feedback and adjust our planning where we feel this is necessary. Most of all, please talk to us if you have unanswered questions or concerns and we will prioritise answering these queries, your first port of call is always your child's class teacher.

Thank you so much for your continued positive messages of thanks and support, we have very much cherished this.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Primary