

30 December 2020

Dear Parents,

It might be the Christmas holidays but COVID stops for no one and this has resulted in the Government update today. In light of tonight's announcement, I thought it would be helpful to outline our position as it currently stands (although it may be subject to yet more change!)

Our school & pre-school will return as expected on Monday 4th January.

We will use the staggered start and finish times as below to help minimise the numbers on site at pinch points in the day, these apply to pre-school AND school children. Please wear a mask when dropping off and collecting your child – you have been great at doing this last term, thank you!

Start times		Finish times	
08:45 – 08:50	Surnames A-G	15:15 – 15:20	Surnames A-G
08:50 – 08:55	Surnames H – P	15:20 – 15:25	Surnames H – P
08:55 – 09:00	Surnames Q - Z	15:25 – 15:30	Surnames Q - Z

Over the holidays, Hampshire, as I'm sure you know, has moved into Tier 4. We have been updating and improving our risk assessment continually in the last 9 months and will be introducing new measures to further protect our community in light of this significant move.

NEW measures:

- All staff will wear masks when outside their classroom; in corridors, on duty, in staff room etc.
- Shawn and Kelly will wear face masks when serving all lunches – this may be in addition to the face shields they have been wearing thus far.
- We will not hold face to face staff meetings – these will all be virtual
- We will move the photocopier, if possible, to a bigger space to alleviate the pinch point in the admin corridor.
- Pre-School home visits to take place outside on our site. No home visits made by staff. Parents unable to stay for stay and play settling sessions.

EXISTING measures:

- Parents and staff to wear masks on gates or when meeting
- Timetabling limits staff and children mixing where possible
- Tracking of playtimes in KS2 larger bubble to begin immediately.
- Hand sanitising, washing and keeping bubbles separate in toilets
- Extra cleaning – an extra cleaner has been employed for this academic year to allow more thorough cleans and a morning clean after playtimes.
- External specialists to be risk assessed and only allowed in school if absolutely unavoidable.
- Electroclean to spray school every 4 weeks to provide long term protection

As ever, if there are any further changes from Government, I'll write to you to let you know how they affect your child's education with us.

Happy new year!

Mrs Jefferies

