



# WIMBLEDON CHASE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I hope that you have had an enjoyable summer break. We are delighted to be welcoming you and your child/ren back to school tomorrow.

Following the latest DfE guidance for full opening of schools published on 28th August, I am writing to remind you of some of the organisational changes that we have put in place to mitigate risk and keep children and adults within our school community safe.

## Parent Guidance

Please follow this link to a [parents' guide for children returning to primary school](#) published today by Merton Local Authority. This guide also includes guidance on the measures you must take if you, or a member of the household has symptoms of Covid-19. We continue to ensure good respiratory and hygiene measures are embedded within our school culture and routines.

## Families Quarantining from Abroad

Please refer to the government's [latest list](#) of countries that **do not** require families to self isolate for 14 days. Please contact the school office if you have returned from a country that **does** require you to quarantine with details of the country that you have travelled from and dates of your expected return date to school.

## Flu Vaccinations

All children aged 2 upwards are entitled to a free flu vaccine on the NHS. The whole school flu vaccine is booked for 2nd December 2020 for pupils who are 4 to 11 years old. Please follow this link to the school website to see the two letters, [regarding flu vaccination](#) for 2 and 3 year olds and routine vaccinations guidance.

## Drop off and Collection Times

You will see from my letter of the [15th July](#) that we have staggered the [drop off and collection times](#) as a temporary measure (please follow these links). We will regularly review these staggered times, which also include lunch and playtimes. I want to reassure you that whilst the timings of the school day have changed for a number of year groups, the children will still receive their full curriculum provision and we have not reduced the overall amount of teaching time. Lunchtimes for all year groups have been adjusted to facilitate this.

In order to mitigate risk and reduce the risk of transmission you must follow the procedures for drop off and collection, including dropping your child off at the correct time, without waiting or gathering on the school premises including at the school gates.

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### Face Coverings

At Wimbledon Chase we continue to follow public health advice to minimise Covid-19 risks and have a system of controls and protective measures in place. Face coverings are not required for children under the age of 11. Face coverings will be worn by staff and visitors in corridors and communal areas outside the classroom where the layout of the school makes it difficult to maintain social distancing. To reduce the risk of transmitting the virus we request parents wear a face covering if physically entering the school building unless they are exempt to do so. Nursery and Reception Meet The Teacher sessions on 3rd and 4th September have been organised so stringent social distancing can take place therefore the parent does not have to wear a face mask.

### Medicines

Please drop medicine [asthma and EpiPens etc.] at the temporary medical point in the playground at the start of the school day (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> September). This will be manned by a member of staff; please feel welcome to contact Mrs Dotchin if your child has medical or dietary requirements that you would like to discuss. [parentsupportadvisor@wimbledonchase.merton.sch.uk](mailto:parentsupportadvisor@wimbledonchase.merton.sch.uk)

### School Meals and Healthy Snacks

The new school menu will be added to the website and Chartwells have increased the price to £2.18 per child per meal per day. Healthy snacks will be available for Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 with effect from 7th September. Please encourage your child to bring a healthy snack for break times this week. From next week only Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will need to bring a snack. This is particularly encouraged as children commence a staggered lunchtime rota and to help them adjust back into the school routines. Please ensure all snacks are nut free.

### Breakfast Club

If you would still like a place at Wimbledon Chase Breakfast Club please e-mail [bc@wimbledonchase.merton.sch.uk](mailto:bc@wimbledonchase.merton.sch.uk) with your child/ren's name, class and days that you would like to attend. Please note that this provision unfortunately cannot currently be provided on an ad hoc basis but by pre-booking arrangements only, this will be reviewed regularly. Payment for Breakfast Club is to be made, in advance, via ParentPay and not to the staff member managing the Club on the day, the sessions remain £5 per day, per child.

Whilst we look forward to meeting you tomorrow and welcoming our children back to school safely, we will contact you shortly to share how you can best meet and communicate with your child's class teacher as well as how we are supporting children in the curriculum on their return to school.

Kindest regards



**Headteacher**