



## Downside Primary School

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Dear parents

Welcome to the start of a new school year! I hope everyone had a relaxing summer, even though the sun didn't shine very much! Welcome to all the new Reception parents, I hope to meet you on the gates in the coming weeks.

As parents are aware, the school is now operating as it was before Covid - children are mixing in their year groups, eating together in the dinner hall and I am looking forward to my first assemblies for over a year, next week.

### **As a reminder regarding Covid:**

- Children should not attend school if they have Covid symptoms and should take a PCR test as soon as possible. Please let us know that your child has the symptoms and the result of the test, so we can ensure we monitor any cases in our school. If your child tests positive for Covid and is self-isolating, we will set work if they are well enough.

- Children no longer need to self-isolate if a member of their class / staff member tests positive. NHS Track and Trace may identify specific children who are close contacts and may issue guidance to parents.

- Children no longer need to isolate if a member of their family / close contact tests positive for Covid. Please do follow NHS Track and Trace guidance regarding any recommendations.

### **School procedures:**

We have kept a number of the Covid measures in place this term, as they have been effective in the school.

Children should continue to be **dropped at the gates in the morning**, parents do not need to take them to class. Gates will open at 8.40am and children can then walk straight to class. Gates will be open until 8.55am – after this point children are late for school and need to come in through the main entrance. There is no need for children to all arrive at 8.40am – the gates are a lot quieter between 8.45 and 8.55am.



Children may continue to wear **PE kit** to school. Later this half term, I will consult parents on whether this measure should continue.

**Year group email addresses** will continue. These email addresses mean that you can contact your child's teacher directly regarding any issues. Teachers will then get in contact with you via email, phone or organise a meeting.

Reception - [yrr@downside-primary.co.uk](mailto:yrr@downside-primary.co.uk)

Year 1 - [yr1@downside-primary.co.uk](mailto:yr1@downside-primary.co.uk)

Year 2 - [yr2@downside-primary.co.uk](mailto:yr2@downside-primary.co.uk)

Year 3 - [yr3@downside-primary.co.uk](mailto:yr3@downside-primary.co.uk)

Year 4 - [yr4@downside-primary.co.uk](mailto:yr4@downside-primary.co.uk)

Year 5 - [yr5@downside-primary.co.uk](mailto:yr5@downside-primary.co.uk)

Year 6 - [yr6@downside-primary.co.uk](mailto:yr6@downside-primary.co.uk)

### **Taking children out of school for appointments.**

Please can I ask parents to try their best to organise routine appointments for before / after school and in the holidays. If you need to take your child to a hospital appointment or urgent doctor/dentist appointments and this appointment falls during the lunch hour, please collect your child prior to the lunch hour starting – the Office staff will not be able to get a child if it is during the lunch hour.

Lunch hours are as follows:

- Reception – 12.00pm – 1.00pm
- Year 1 – 12.15pm – 1.15pm
- Year 2 – 12.30pm – 1.30pm
- Year 3 - 12.00pm – 1.00pm
- Year 4 – 12.15pm – 1.15pm
- Year 5 – 12.30pm – 1.20pm
- Year 6 – 12.45pm – 1.35pm

I will write to you shortly regarding opportunities to meet your child's class teacher and other school events.

Yours sincerely,

