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Autumn Term 2021 – Welcome Back.

Dear parents/carers,

I hope that you are all having a wonderful summer break and would like to offer you, in advance, a warm welcome back to school. Within this letter, as promised, I will detail a range of information that will support your child's return to school on **6th September 2021** for this coming academic year.

Our journey to 'returning to normal' - How are we applying the government guidance at Dunstall Hill?

Bubble Systems

Consistent (year group) bubbles will no longer be required within school, therefore, moving forward, children will mix with children from other year groups at points throughout the day/week. Assemblies can resume, although these will be slowly reintroduced to children throughout the Autumn Term. Year groups will share their lunch halls and also playgrounds at break and lunchtimes. Within the classroom, children can now be seated in groups or rows (this will be a decision made by individual staff members). After school clubs will now take place with children across phases/key stages rather than just as year groups. More information will follow on our return regarding clubs.

Start and end of day arrangements

Start and end of day timings will revert back to normal – there will no longer be any staggered timings for the start or end of the day, however, there will be a time bracket during which you can drop off your child in a morning and will continue dropping-off your children at the school gate.

As of the 6th September 2021:

Start of school: 8.30-8.45am

End of school: 3.15pm.

Please be reminded the school gates will close on the specified time and entrance and collections points remain the same as last year (Images/locations to be sent out towards the end of the week).

If your child displays symptoms of coronavirus...

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).





If your child displays any of the above coronavirus symptoms, please ensure that you book them in for a full PCR test (<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>) and not use a lateral flow home test kit. The evidence that school needs in order for a child to return to school is a negative result from a PCR test which needs to be emailed into the school email address:

dunstallhillprimaryschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk

If a child in school does test positive, school are no longer responsible for contact tracing and whole 'bubbles' will no longer burst/close. Instead, the individual who has tested positive will need to isolate. Any identified close contacts will need to follow the advice provided by Track and Trace if they are contacted by them.

If someone in your child's household tests positive for Covid-19 or they have been identified as a close contact with a positive case...

Your child is not 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. Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so. Staff who do not need to isolate, and children and young people aged under 18 years 6 months who usually attend school, and have been identified as a close contact, should continue to attend school as normal.

Towards the end of the week we will send out a PowerPoint text message detailing your child's classroom and other relevant information.

I am thoroughly looking forward to welcoming all of our children, existing ones and new ones, into Dunstall Hill for the start of our new academic year (06.09.2021). As a staff, we look ahead with enthusiasm to building positive partnerships between home and school, to ensure that children make the most of their learning opportunities and can thrive at Dunstall Hill.

Thank you for your continuous support.

Stay safe.

Yours faithfully

Mr Fellows
Headteacher