

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am happy to tell you that school will open as usual tomorrow. We look forward to seeing the children and know how important it is to keep things as normal as possible during this pandemic.

You will be aware that keeping schools open isn't easy when numbers of COVID19 cases are rising rapidly. We rely on your support so that we can keep everyone safe, including the most vulnerable members of our community.

Please help us by sticking to the rules set nationally. In addition please follow these steps when bringing your child to school:

1. Check that your child is well and does not have a temperature. If in doubt, take your child for a test and follow the guidance.
2. Keep to the new one-way system, even if it means you have to wait for a few minutes. There is plenty of space on the playground, so spread out and stay 2m away from other families. Please be aware that we do not have spare staff to enforce the system so we rely on your goodwill.
3. Only one parent or carer should drop off/collect children. The fewer people on site, the safer it is for everyone.
4. Please wash school clothes every day and encourage good hand hygiene. Wear extra layers as the windows are open for ventilation.
5. If your child is in Y5 or Y6, please send a pair of old trainers or wellies into school. We need to use all outdoor areas so that the bubbles do not mix and the ground can be muddy.

Please be aware that school staffing levels are adversely affected by the virus. This may mean for example, that classes are taught by different teachers, lunch menus may occasionally change and office response times could be slower than usual. In the event that we are forced to close, we will switch to remote learning and the school will only be open to critical workers. Over the next few days, we will be sending home packs of work so that we are prepared for all eventualities.

I would like to thank the school staff for their incredible response at this difficult time. Whatever the situation, they go 'above and beyond' to serve the needs of the children.

I hope that the new term brings peace and happiness to you and your families.

Best wishes,

Mrs Galloway