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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to update you on how school routines will look in September, if current guidance stays the same.

### **Start Times**

Nursery and Little Saints children will continue to start at 8:30am for morning sessions and 12:30pm for afternoon sessions. Children will enter through the usual Nursery entrances.

Doors will open for Reception children at 8:45am and close at 8:55am and will enter through the usual Reception entrance. Aim to be here for 8:45am as teachers plan morning learning and welcome activities for children that start at that time.

Please note that start times for Little Saints, Nursery and Reception may be different at the start of term due to transition.

Doors will open for KS1 and 2 children at 8:45am and close at 8:55am. Classes 3, 4, 5 and 6 enter through Door 3 where Mrs McKinnon will usually be. Classes 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 enter through Door 1 where Mrs Belfield or Mr Booth will usually be. Aim to be here for 8:45am as teachers plan morning learning activities for children that start at that time.

Do not come on the playground or premises until the gates open at 8:40am. If your child attends Little Saints, Nursery or Breakfast Club – please use the top gate that is situated on Brookfield Avenue. All other parents and children need to wait outside the school grounds until the gates open. There will not be a member of staff on the gate to call classes in. Once the gate is open you can come onto school grounds and wait for the doors to open.

### **Moving Around School**

We do not need to have a one-way system anymore, but this has worked really well the past year so if you can please stick to this routine to help keep pathways as clear as possible for everyone. I must point out though that parents/carers will be unable to walk around the back of school through the Nurseries from September as the staff will have set up the outdoor play areas.

### **Lunchtimes**

Staggered lunchtimes have worked really well this year and we are going to keep some elements of this. Some of our older pupils will continue to eat their lunches in their classrooms to keep numbers down in the dining hall. We will make sure these children take it in turns to eat in class and the hall.

### **PE**

Children can still come to school on their PE day in their PE kits. There will be no PE lessons during the first week of term (Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup>) so there will be no need to worry about PE days over the summer. We will communicate PE days to you when the children return to school in September. We ask that children adhere to the uniform rules of wearing their SCHOOL PE kit and not other sports wear. Please do not be offended if you or your child are reminded about this if they are not wearing correct PE uniform.

### **Hometime**

Hometime will be at 3:15pm for Reception, KS1 and KS2. Little Saints and Nursery will dismiss at 11:30am for morning sessions and 3:30pm for afternoon sessions.

Little Saints, Nursery and Reception will be dismissed from their usual entrance/exit doors.

Classes 10 and 11 will be dismissed from Door 1.



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Classes 7, 8 and 9 will be dismissed from the playground where they are dismissed from now. The difference in September is that adults collecting these children can come onto the premises when the gates open and wait on the playground for their child/ren. The teachers will bring the children onto the playground and they will be dismissed to you from there. Please do not try and collect your child from the pathway leading to the playground, please wait until the whole class is ready to be dismissed.

Classes 3 and 5 can be dismissed from Door 4 (near the garage at the back of school).

Class 4 can be dismissed from Door 5 (on the back playground near Class 4).

Class 6 can be dismissed from Door 6 (on the back playground near Class 6/Nurseries).

### **Children with Symptoms**

From September, we will still have to identify symptomatic children and these children will continue to be sent home for a PCR test. Parents/carers are expected to let school know the outcomes of any PCR tests. We cannot accept the results from rapid tests (lateral flow tests) for symptomatic children.

### **Closing 'Bubbles'**

From September, unless otherwise advised by national or local guidance, we will not be closing 'bubbles' of children if a positive case is identified. NHS Track and Trace will contact the positive case, or their parents/carers, to help identify close contacts. As it currently stands, from 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021, children who are identified as a close contact of a positive case will not have to self-isolate. They may be asked to book a PCR test instead – asymptomatic children will not need to self-isolate whilst waiting for results of the PCR. School will continue to get up to date advice from Bolton Public Health to ensure we are acting in everyone's best interests if faced with this situation.

### **Hygiene**

School will continue with the routine of regular hand cleaning – this may be washing hands with soap or the use of hand sanitiser. We will also make sure spaces are well ventilated and regularly clean 'touch points' around school.

### **Face Coverings**

Staff will no longer be required to wear face coverings in communal areas of school. This also applies to parents/carers. Thank you so much to all of the non-exempt parents who have continued to wear face coverings throughout this difficult period – you have helped to make our staff feel much safer and your support has been very much noted and appreciated.

School will still need a covid risk assessment in place, and we will also have to have a plan in place in case safety measures need to be stepped up again. We will communicate this to you if it were to happen.

I hope this gives you a good indication of what school will look like from September. If anything changes over the summer holidays I will be in touch. In the meantime, we hope you and your families all stay safe and we very much look forward to seeing you all in the new academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Belfield  
Principal