

## Chaucer Junior School

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### Return to school update Sept 2021

Dear Families,

I hope you have had a restful and enjoyable summer and are ready for a return to school.

Please find below a summary of information which I hope will answer any questions which you may have. Much of this information was shared in late July, but we have reviewed our arrangements in light of the updated guidance from the Department for Education (last updated on the 17th August). The guidance is accessible from the following link:

#### [What-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-](#)

We thank you for your support in following this advice, so we can help keep our children, staff and our community safe. Thank you for your support.

#### When will we open for the new academic year?

✓ School will open to all pupils, in all year groups, on Monday 6th September.

#### What will the school times be?

✓ From the 6th September, we will resume our standard opening and closing times (as outlined in our attendance policy Attendance Policy)

✓ Please remember: School Gates open at 8.45am and registration is at 8:55am. We ask that all children are in school, ready to learn, for 8:55am. Our gates are locked at 8.55am. Children arriving after this time are marked as late and need to arrive via the school office.

#### Arrangements for the beginning and end of the school day

We will continue to use many of the positive arrangements which we all used all year. Please bring your child/ren to the front of school where they will be greeted by one of our welcoming staff. (We are aware that some children come to school without adults and this can continue) Once you have dropped off or collected your child/ren, please leave the school site as promptly as possible to help ease congestion. Can you also please be considerate to our local residents and park considerately, this will help with safety and congestion.

DATE Wkb.	GATES OPEN	REGISTRATION	END OF DAY
6 <sup>th</sup> Sep	8.45am SIDE GATE YR4, 5 and 6 8.45am PLAYGROUND GATE YR3 staff will greet <b>(adults are welcome to come onto the playground with yr3 pupils)</b>	8.55am	3.20pm YR4,5 and 6 to leave via side gate <b>3.20pm YR3 families to meet pupils on playground.</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> Sep onwards	8.45am ALL YEAR GROUPS USE SIDE GATE- <b>Children only.</b>	8.55am	3.20pm All year groups to leave via side gate. <b>Families to wait at front of school</b>

#### Questions and answers

We hope that the information below answers the questions which you may have regarding the start of the new academic year. Will there be class bubbles?

× No: In line with the Department for Education (DfE) guidance, our children will safely learn and play together in mixed year groups, phases and as a whole school. Learning will be in well ventilated classrooms or in the hall/outside.

✓ Collective worship, indoor PE and lunch will take place in our well-ventilated Hall.

✓ Planned educational visits can resume. Staff are busy looking at opportunities to enhance the learning experiences for all of our children.

### **What are the lunch arrangements at the schools?**

- ✓ Derbyshire Catering will continue to provide a full lunch service starting at 12:15 p.m.
- ✓ Children will eat their lunch in the school hall after washing their hands.
- **Please contact the school office if you have any questions regarding eligibility for free school meals for your child.**

### **Will the children be in school uniform?**

- ✓ Yes: we are looking forward to seeing our children arrive in their uniforms with black shoes (no trainers). We also ask you follow our policy about jewellery and nails. (Please contact school if you have questions about this).
- **PE kit** - On PE days, children should arrive for school in their PE kit. If the weather is cold on these days' children can wear their school jumper/cardigan. **No branded jumpers/ hoodies** should be worn in accordance with our uniform policy. Your child's teacher will let you know when PE days are.

### **Can children bring equipment into school?**

- ✓ Yes: reading books, and the children's reading record, should be brought in every day.
- ✓ Children should only bring in the following essentials:
  - Lunch Boxes and/or healthy snacks
  - Water bottles (taken home daily for a clean. Bottles can be refilled at school by the children/staff)
  - Coats.
  - All stationery will be provided by us. Therefore, there is no need for your child to bring in pencil cases. (If they wish to bring in their own equipment that will need to take responsibility for this)

### **Do we need to wear face coverings?**

× No: Face coverings are no longer advised for pupils, staff and visitors either in classrooms or in communal areas although feel free to continue to do so if you wish to.

### **What precautions do we have in place?**

- ✓ We have carefully read the latest guidance and created an appropriate risk assessment which has been reviewed and approved by the Trust. This is available on our website.
- ✓ Staff will undertake twice weekly home tests whenever they are on site (until the end of September, when this will be reviewed by the DfE).
- ✓ We will continue with the recommended control measures including: 1. Good hygiene for everyone (children, staff and visitors). 2. Appropriate cleaning routines (with additional cleaning before and after lunch). 3. Keeping well occupied spaces ventilated 4. Follow advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases.

**Please note: certain measures (such as the use of bubbles and/or face coverings) may be stepped up/reintroduced if school needs to, i.e. if there is a high/increased number of cases and the local Health Protection Team advises their use to keep everyone safe.**

### **What if my child is feeling unwell?**

If your child experiences symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), **i.e. a high temperature, a new continuous cough, loss of taste/smell, your child must not come to school.**

Please be aware that if we feel that your child has any of the symptoms above, then we will be in contact with you to arrange for their immediate collection.

1. Please inform the school office of your child's absence and book a PCR test. For out of hours contact, please email the school at covid@chaucer-jun.derbyshire.sch.uk. Your child will not be able to return to school unless they:

- (a) receive a negative PCR test result and are well enough to return.
- (b) if positive, have completed the isolation period of 10 days and no longer have a high temperature. If in doubt – please contact school and we will happily support you and your family.

### **What if another child in my children's class tests positive for COVID?**

- ✓ NHS Test and Trace have taken responsibility for close contact tracing.
- ✓ NHS Test and Trace will work with the family of the positive case.
- ✓ Contacts from school will only be contacted by NHS Test and Trace once they have spoken to the family concerned.
- ✓ Children no longer need to self-isolate unless they display symptoms and are awaiting the outcome of a PCR test.

### What if someone in my family with whom I live is feeling unwell?

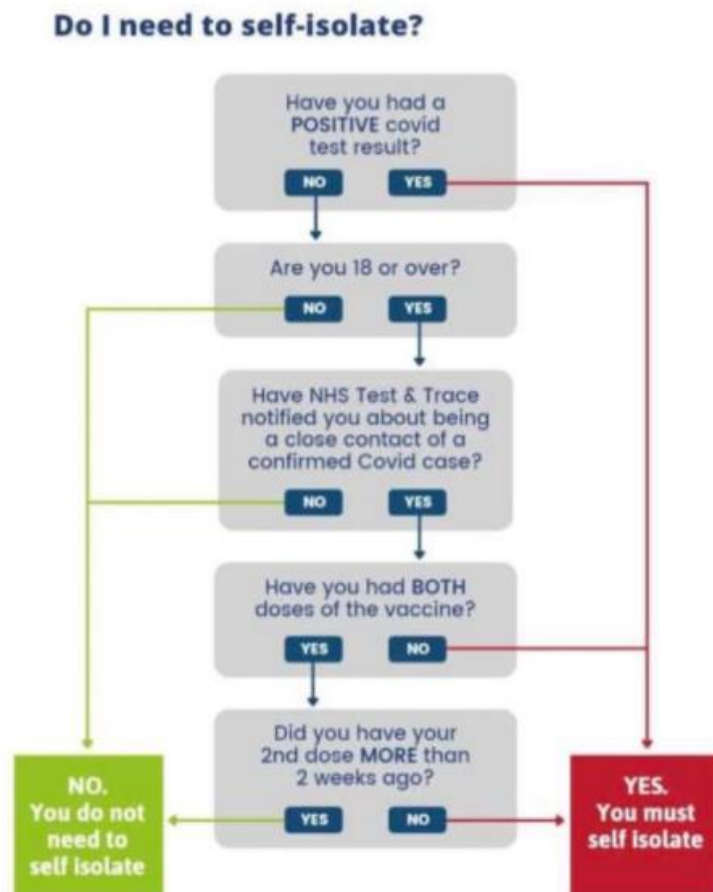
- They must go for a PCR test. Arrange to have a PCR test online or by phone by calling 119.
- ✓ Children under 18 do not need to self-isolate whilst a member of the family awaits the outcome of a test so should attend school as normal (unless they present with symptoms themselves).

### What if a staff member tests positive for COVID?

Our staff will continue to undertake twice weekly home tests whenever they are on site (until the end of September, when this will be reviewed by the DfE)

- ✓ If a member of staff tests positive from their lateral flow test, then they will undertake a PCR test and isolate until the result is known.
- ✓ Children will continue to come to school and receive face-to-face teaching provided by another teacher.

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I hope that the information is useful and that you are looking forward to the start of the new year as much as “Team Chaucer” are. We hope you enjoy the remaining few days of the holidays and look forward to greeting you and your children back into school on Monday 6th September.

Many thanks,

Jane Mee and Team Chaucer

