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Pen Mill Infant & Nursery Academy

Dear parents and carers,

We hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful summer with your families and made some lovely memories. We look forward to welcoming back all our children on Tuesday 7th September and cannot wait to hear all of their exciting holiday news. A warm welcome also to our new reception starters who begin their Pen Mill Infant School journey and who are no doubt beginning to feel excited. Please note that your timings are different to the main school for the first few weeks.

A reminder that the school day will begin at 8.55 and end at 3.10 and that all children and parents can now enter through the main gate. Can we ask that nursery queue at the bottom of the slope within the nursery playground, the reception and year one parents will need to wait on the main playground and year two will wait on the back playground and enter through the doors by the toilets. Staff will open doors at 8.55 and welcome the children in. We will continue to recommend face coverings on site during these busy times.

Parents and carers will not be permitted into the school building and the children will continue to enter independently. Can I ask that you do not enter the playgrounds until 8.50 and are punctual with drop off and collection of children. Any children who are late will need to be signed in through the office. All lates and absences are coded in the register and you will be advised if your absence is a concern.

Covid 19

We return to new guidance on how we can keep ourselves safe from COVID 19, staff will continue to test twice weekly and follow the school risk assessment which has been updated and will be displayed on the school website on Monday.

Self-Isolation

- Children and young people under the age of 18 years and 6 months **and** adults who are fully vaccinated no longer need to self-isolate if they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Individuals identified as a close contact will be offered a PCR test. Whilst waiting for the result of this test, they do not need to self-isolate.
- Anybody who displays symptoms of COVID-19 should begin to self-isolate and arrange a COVID-19 test. Other members of their household do not need to self-isolate.
- Anybody who tests positive for COVID-19 must self-isolate and work with NHS Test and Trace to identify their close contacts. Isolation lasts for 10 days from the day symptoms began. Positive lateral flow tests should be confirmed by a PCR test within 48 hours.

Schools are no longer responsible for identifying the close contacts of any confirmed cases, this will now be controlled by NHS Test and Trace.

We are excited to start the new term and cannot wait to see you all.

Kind regards

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