



OLD HEATH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Monday 30th August 2021

THE WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL FLYER!!

A GREAT BIG WELCOME BACK FOR THURSDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER!

I am really looking forward to seeing everyone back on Thursday morning! I hope you have all had a lovely holiday; meeting up with extended families and friends, catching up on family celebrations, having great fun, chilling rest and relaxation and possibly a few jobs done?!

We do not have to put any Covid restrictions in place in terms of class bubbles (including closing), one way system etc anymore. However please respect that other parents/grandparents/staff in and around school will want to keep some distance and may wish to wear face masks (similar to shopping /walking into a pub etc) where spacing is not much of an option!

START & FINISH OF SCHOOL

Access to the school playground will be in and out of the school front gate.

Our school gates will open as normal at 8.45am. As pre Covid; parents and children will be able to wait on the playground, however parents will need to stay with their child/ren until school starts. Previously teachers would be on the playground from 8.55am, with class doors opening at 9am. For this first half term we will be opening the class doors earlier at 8.55am so we do not have a large build up of people on the playground and we'll see how the situation progresses! Please ensure that all your children remain with you on the playground. Scooters and bikes should be wheeled on the school pathway and playground and not ridden. We do not have staff on duty at this time.

For home time the school gates will open at 3pm to allow pick up of Pre School children, and then parents/carers can make their way on to the playground for pick up from the main school. As pre Covid we will dismiss children from the classroom doors at 3.15pm.

COVID-19:

It still remains the same that if anyone, including children, displays one of the main three symptoms that have been designated as symptoms of Covid;

- ~ High temperature
- ~ A new continuous cough
- ~ Loss or change of smell/taste

Then they should take a PCR test and get a confirmed positive or negative result. Lateral Flow Tests should not be used when symptoms are present. If a child is displaying any one of the above symptoms then they should not be brought to school and if the symptoms appear during the school day then we will still be contacting parents to pick the child up and asking for a PCR test to be arranged.

The NHS site ~ [When to self-isolate and what to do - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

If someone you live with has symptoms of COVID-19, or has tested positive for COVID-19, you will not need to self-isolate if any of the following apply;

- ~ you're fully vaccinated – this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine given by the NHS
- ~ you're under 18 years, 6 months old
- ~ you're taking part or have taken part in a COVID-19 vaccine trial
- ~ you're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Even if you do not have symptoms, you should still get a PCR test to check if you have COVID-19.

EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY PLAN

Schools have been advised by Essex LA and Health Protection that should we experience 2 or more confirmed cases in school than we will need to take contingencies measures in consultation with the agencies. This may include return to class bubbles, social distancing/staggered starts/one way systems for entry/exit, mask wearing, staggered lunches/playtimes etc.

In order to avoid any return to our previous Covid control measures please ensure that if you or your child has symptoms please stay at home and get tested.

BEING READY FOR SCHOOL!

Please ensure your child is wearing school uniform (including plain red or grey cardigans/sweatshirts ~ not 'hoodies') and school shoes. Trainers are needed in PE kits. Don't forget to name your child's belongings.

Your child also needs

- Coat
- Water bottle
- PE Kit
- Packed Lunch bag/box or school dinner booked. We are aware that there have been a few issues over the holidays for some families trying to book using the Schools Comm app ~ hopefully on Wed 1st September as children officially 'move up' into the next year group, the systems should recognise this and booking should be easier. If you are still having an issue in booking please contact the school on Wednesday 1st September. All dinners need to be booked on line using School Comms. You need to be in credit to book dinners.
- Please remember any inhalers/medication etc that your child needs at school and hand them in at the office.

If you have found any school reading or library books 'hanging around' at home please ensure they are returned to school!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We are very much hoping to restart After School Clubs later this half term so please keep an eye out for the Club letter. We will not at this point be using the School Comms app to book after school clubs.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Please ensure that you have booked places at Breakfast Club if you need them. Gates are opened at 8am and closed at 8.15am. Children can choose from a range of cereal, toast, yoghurts and fruit juice. You need to be in credit to book sessions.

CAR PARKING

Please can all parents who drive to school be mindful of our neighbours and not block any driveways/obvious access ways. Please park so that you do not hinder or obstruct the pavements for other children, parents and residents.

DIARY DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR SEPT 2021—JULY 2022 VERSION 2, UPDATED FROM JULY IS ATTACHED TO THE PARENTMAIL AND WILL SHORTLY BE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE!