

## **DfE Update:**

To support the delay of the spread of the virus, the Department for Health and Social Care has asked anyone who shows certain symptoms to stay at home for 7 days, regardless of whether they have travelled to affected areas. This means people should stay at home and avoid all but essential contact with others for 7 days from the point of displaying mild symptoms, to slow the spread of infection.

The symptoms are:

- A high temperature (37.8 degrees and above)
- A new, continuous cough

You do not need to call NHS 111 to stay at home. If your symptoms worsen during your stay at home period or are no better after 7 days contact NHS 111 online at [111.nhs.uk](https://111.nhs.uk). If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999.

Current advice remains in place: no education or children's social care setting should close in response to a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case unless advised to do so by Public Health England.

The Chief Medical Officer has advised that the impact of closing schools on both children's education and on the workforce will be substantial, but the benefit to public health may not be. Decisions on future advice to schools will be taken based on the latest and best scientific evidence, which at this stage suggests children are a lower risk group.

## **Plans for Drop off and Pick Up**

We are continuing to review the regularly changing Coronavirus situation and how school can minimise risk for its families and staff. In light of this we have reviewed our current drop off and pick up procedure for the beginning and end of the school day. Children will now be dropped off and picked up from outside the school. Whilst there is still a risk that children can bring the virus into school, by reducing the number of people mixing in a small indoor space we will decrease the risk of spreading the virus and as these changes are relatively easy to implement we will change our drop off and pick up procedure from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

We really appreciate families' support of our new procedure and strongly encourage you to stick to the times given to help protect ours and the wider community.

Note: Beate/Anne will be in touch with parents about arrangements for drop off and pick up for Buttercups children.

## **Drop Off**

The car park will be closed to all parents' cars, the only cars that may need access during pick up and drop off will be those using the pool. Please push bikes through the car park. We strongly encourage parents to drop off and pick up children at the times requested.

## **Families with Lower School Children and Siblings in Kindergarten**

Drop off will be at 8.15-8:25am

One side of the main front gate will be closed for this period.

A member of staff, wearing a high vis jacket, will meet children at the front gate. Older children can be dropped off here by parents (and those younger children who are happy

with the arrangement). Children will walk from main gate to reception and then their classroom.

Another member of staff, again wearing high vis jacket, will be at the main door to school welcoming younger LS children (and those preferring to be dropped off here by parents).

Children will walk from the main door to their classroom.

Those meeting children and parents will take any parents' messages and pass them to class teachers, or parents can email or ring reception with a message.

Kindergarten children should arrive at school already dressed to spend time in the garden.

Kindergarten Assistants will be at the long, low wooden gate to the right of the pool welcoming children. They will then take the children to their gardens.

### **Families with Kindergarten Children Only**

Drop off from 8:25-8:35am

Kindergarten children should arrive at school already dressed to spend time in the garden.

Kindergarten Assistants will be at the long, low wooden gate to the right of the pool welcoming children. They will then take the children to their gardens.

### **Pick Up**

1pm pick up will remain as normal.

For afternoon pick up at 3pm:

All LS children will be waiting to be collected from the gate to the left of the main entrance, in Class 1's garden.

Kindergarten children will be waiting to be collected at the gate to the right of the swimming pool, where they are dropped off in the morning.

### **After School Clubs**

After school clubs are still running at present. Children attending Drama on Monday, Woodwork on Wednesday or Orchestra on Thursday will go to Class 1 at 3pm and be looked after by Bethany (Monday and Wednesday) or Yule (Thursday) until 3.30 when the club begins. Any changes to pick up arrangements will be communicated by club organisers.

As is often the case when trying something new, we may experience some teething trouble as we adopt these new procedures; please bear with us. If you have any questions or need further clarification on anything, please get in touch.