

Re: Covid Measures – Update 28th January 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

Following the Prime Minister's update regarding the move away from 'Plan B' Covid measures and restrictions, we have consulted with other UWMAT schools and have reviewed the number of positive cases we have had in school since returning in January. I am confident that we can now amend some of our current risk assessment procedures. Please see below those changes which will be in place from **Monday 31st January 2022**.

Key Changes

Staggered Starts & Endings

We will **remove** all staggered start and finish times and return to the normal routines, using the usual access doors.

- Doors will open at 8.45am and pupils should be in classes by 8.55am, when doors will be closed.
- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will leave at 3.15pm and Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 at 3.20pm.

Breaktimes and Lunchtimes – Outdoor Play

Children will no longer be required to stay in bubbles during outdoor breaks or activities. They will still have designated areas to play in, with mixing across age appropriate year groups.

Before and After School Club

Before and After School Club will return to normal routines and children will no longer be asked to stay in separate bubbles.

Masks in School

Although the government has stated that mask wearing is no longer mandatory, staff in school can choose to continue to wear masks in communal spaces and corridors. Some staff will still wear masks inside the classroom if they are classed as vulnerable or work closely with someone who is.

Visitors & Testing

All visitors who need to come into school to meet or work with children or staff will be required to evidence a negative Lateral Flow Test and complete a compliance/contact form. This will remain in place until further notice.

Those who test positive on a LTF are still required to self-isolate.

Please do not send your child to school if they have any of the main three Covid 19 symptoms.

We will continue to monitor the number of positive cases in each year group and communicate regularly with the Local Outbreak Team.

Yours Sincerely,
E. Ingram
Headteacher