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**COVID-19 UPDATE**

Dear Parents / Carers

Earlier this week, the Prime Minister updated us on which measures will be lifted for [Step Three of the government's roadmap](#) out of lockdown. A summary of these can be seen below:

**HM Government**

**STEP 3**

**NO EARLIER THAN 17 MAY**  
At least 5 weeks after Step 2

<b>BUSINESS / ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>SOCIAL CONTACT</b>	<b>LARGER EVENTS</b>	<b>TRAVEL</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indoor hospitality</li> <li>Indoor entertainment and attractions</li> <li>Organised indoor sport (adult)</li> <li>Remaining accommodation</li> <li>Remaining outdoor entertainment (including performances)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum 30 people outdoors</li> <li>Indoors: Up to 6 people or a larger group from 2 households only (subject to review)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most significant life events (30 people)</li> <li>Indoor events 1,000 people or 50% capacity (whichever is lower)</li> <li>Outdoor events 4,000 people or 50% capacity (whichever is lower)</li> <li>Large seated outdoor venues 10,000 people or 25% capacity (whichever is lower)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Domestic overnight stays</li> <li>International travel (subject to review)</li> </ul>

**COVID-19 ROADMAP 2021**

In line with the government roadmap, we aim to sensibly and cautiously reduce in-school restrictions, in order to support a return to 'normal' school life. Below I have detailed some changes and the dates they will come into action. These will be kept under constant review and may be revised at any point.

**Changes from Monday 17th May**

**Broadening of bubbles**

Year groups will pair up to form bigger bubbles. They will be able to mix during playtime and lunchtime.

Nursery and Reception	Year 1 and Year 2	Year 3 and Year 4	Year 5 and Year 6
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**Staff**

Staff will work more widely and fluidly across the school, including crossing bubbles.

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### **Drop off and pick up**

Our families will be able to wait on the playground but must distance themselves from each other, still with only one adult to meet children. All adults must wear a face covering whilst on the school site.

### **PE kit**

Children may bring their PE kits in to school on a Monday and take home on a Friday unless otherwise directed by your class teacher.

### **Equipment for school**

Please continue to bring just one bag in to school, if it is absolutely necessary. Lunch boxes and PE kits may be additional to this.

### **Educational visits**

Year groups may plan for a day trip before the end of the summer should this be appropriate. If these happen, these will be local in order to keep the costs to a minimum. Sadly, there will be no residential trips for Years 5 and 6 this year.

### **Assembly**

Assemblies will slowly begin to resume in the school hall or outdoors in bubble groups.

### **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

The office will keep you informed regarding our extra-curriculum offer.

### **Changes from 21st June**

- Wider cross school collaboration
- Return of school events such as sports day, proms in the playground, Year 6 leavers assembly
- Parents invited to school events (some restrictions may be imposed on numbers and organisation)

### **Changes from September 2021**

- All restrictions lifted in line with government guidance
- Return to whole school activities including assemblies, playtimes, lunchtimes
- Parents invited to school events without restriction
- Residential visits will resume

### **Further safety measures**

The relaxation of in school restrictions must be accompanied by sensible adherence to other safety measures. Our rooms will remain well ventilated, children and staff will be encouraged to wash their hands and sanitise regularly and we will continue to avoid physical contact where possible.

Additionally, all teachers, support staff and regular visitors to our school will continue to take part in our twice weekly lateral flow testing programme. I urge you to do the same as all adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid Covid-19 testing.

Rapid testing detects cases quickly – in under 30 minutes – meaning positive cases can isolate immediately. This can be the difference between children being able to stay in school, or a class being sent home due to an outbreak. It could also be the difference between a workplace having to close for a period or being able to stay open and running.

### **Accessing test kits**

- Collect a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests. [Click here to find a local site where you can collect tests](#)
- Order a home test kit online – but only if testing cannot be access through other routes, as this frees up home delivery for those who need it most [Click here to order lateral flow home test kits](#)

### **Collecting test kits**

- Each pack contains 7 tests. Anyone 18 or over can collect.
- You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a [local collection point](#).
- A collection point in Watford is: **King George V Park**, Chaffinch Lane, Rickmansworth Road, Watford, WD18 9QD [Get Directions](#)
- Opening times 1:30pm – 7:00pm - 7 days a week.

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- You can check online if the location is open or busy before you go. You do not need to make an appointment.
- Do not visit a collection point outside opening hours, as it may be used to test people with coronavirus symptoms outside these times.

### Coronavirus symptoms

We must not forget that the virus is still out there in our community. If anyone in your household develops any of the following three symptoms, your whole household must isolate and you need to arrange testing immediately.

- **a high temperature** – this means you or your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature, but if your child's temperature is over 38 degrees, this qualifies as a high temperature in addition to the feeling hot to touch on their chest or back)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you or your child usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you or your child cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If someone in your household tests positive - all members of your household and anyone the positive case has had close contact with must isolate for 10 days from last contact- this may include your support / childcare bubble. It is essential that you inform us about any positive coronavirus cases or symptoms of anyone in your household/bubble.

Thank you once again, for your unstinting support since all of this began. We must though proceed sensibly and with caution and I trust that everyone will play their part to keep everyone in our school community as safe as possible. I am sure, like me, you do not want your child's class to be sent home or closed, or their teacher absent through illness. This next step very much feels like a positive step towards normality, something that we all very much look forward to.

Yours Sincerely

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