

SHINCLIFFE C. of E. (CONTROLLED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to update you with regards to the arrangements for the Autumn Term. As part of the *Step 4 Guidance for Schools*, the government have lifted many of the restrictions that have impacted school life and it is hoped that this will see a return to some kind of normality.

From Monday 19th July the key points are:

- The risk of serious illness from coronavirus transmission still needs to be managed
- Schools will still require proportionate control measures
- Bubbles will no longer be required
- Schools will no longer undertake contact tracing
- From 16th August those aged under 18yrs will no longer be required to self-isolate when they are identified as a contact of a case
- Face coverings will no longer be recommended in school or on home to school transport
- Schools will be required to have an outbreak management plan to support the operation of the school during an outbreak in school or in the local area. Some measures which may be advised on a temporary basis in an outbreak situation could include: reintroduction of bubbles, reintroduction of face coverings, enhanced testing, enhanced cleaning, school support for contact tracing
- The control measures of hand washing, environmental cleaning, good ventilation and the management of cases and contacts in line with current public health advice remain in place.

Drop-off and Pick-Up arrangements

From September, school will return to the normal drop off time which is between 8.45am and 8.55am. We will continue with the entry and exit system that was put in place during the pandemic. Infant children will access the school building via the KS1 entrance, Y5 and Y6 via the usual route through the school playground and Y3 and Y4 by the gate at the rear of the carpark. The carpark will be closed from 8:30am each morning to facilitate access. Parents and children must continue to access the school using the usual

pedestrian entrances and Y3 and Y4 children will then need to walk through the carpark to access their gate. Staff will supervise this access. Parents should not access the carpark area. Nobody must access the school site using the rear carpark gates. Pick-up times will be between 3:20-3:30pm. Reception class at 3:20pm, KS1 3:25pm and KS2 3:30pm.

Staffing Update

Mrs Herriot from the Local Authority's Supply Partnership is teaching Y4 in September until we appoint a class teacher and Mrs Todd, also from the Local Authority's Supply Partnership, will be teaching History/Geography and French until Mrs Claydon is able to take up her post later in the Autumn Term. All other teachers will stay in their current year group.

What your child will need to bring to school:

As was the case this year, when we return in September I ask you to ensure your children bring the following:

- Pencil case with pencil, pen, pencil sharpener, rubber and coloured pencils (KS2 only) **This will remain in school for the week.**
- Coat
- Book Bag / School Bag
- Water Bottle for Y1-Y6 (Rec will use water fountain in the classroom)
- When your child has PE they will wear their kit for the entirety of the day. Class teachers will inform you of the days that your child has PE. **Please make sure that you have the school PE kit.** (Contact the office to place orders if you don't have one)

If all goes well over the summer and we don't have to implement an outbreak management plan, it is hoped that we will resume after-school club activities, community worship and FOSS events. We will update you in September as to when these things might happen and what will be available.

Thank you again for your continued support,

Mr Rumbles