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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am now writing to explain our plans for school provision in September 2021.

This information takes account of the updated DfE guidance and the citywide principles agreed by York Schools and Academies Board and should also be read in conjunction with:-

- Our SYMAT Coronavirus Protocol.
- Our School Risk Assessment.

Both of these documents are currently under review to reflect new government guidance and will be uploaded to our school website as soon as possible. It is important to note that they are subject to consultation and ongoing revision.

As we are all aware the national COVID response is continually monitored and subject to change, often at short notice. Discussions between professional bodies and the government are also ongoing and therefore these can only be '**potential**' plans. However, I will endeavour to provide you with as much warning as possible if we need to make any significant changes to our arrangements in the coming weeks.

Throughout the summer holidays, our plans and risk assessments will be under scrutiny to ensure they reflect the most up-to-date guidance and any emerging issues nationally and locally.

The health and safety of staff and pupils is a guiding principle in every decision we make. We can't promise to eliminate all risk, we can only seek to minimise it as much as possible.

Timescales

We will look to work to the following timescales:

Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th September 2021- Staff Training Days	On these two training days, the site will be closed for staff training and to finalise reopening plans.
Wednesday 8th September 2021	We hope to welcome all children back to school.

Ensuring good hygiene for everyone

Children will wash their hands as soon as they arrive in school and before leaving. They will also wash them frequently throughout the day such as after break times and before and after eating. Children will be supervised to ensure they are washing and drying their hands thoroughly.



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Hand sanitisers, tissues and lidded waste bins will be in every classroom. Bins will be located by the classroom door to enable site staff to empty regularly without entering the room. Good respiratory hygiene will be promoted using the 'Catch it Bin it Kill it' posters.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Every classroom has a first aid kit and a supply of PPE to be used in accordance with our Covid protocols.

Enhanced Cleaning

Cleaners will be operating on site throughout each school day. They will maintain safe distances at all times. Touch points will be cleaned systematically throughout the day. All bins will be emptied and toilets cleaned twice a day.

All rooms will be cleaned and disinfected at the end of each day.

Class Organisation, Arrival and Departure Times

As you know, the children have been organised into 8 classes for the next academic year.

Whilst there have been some benefits to staggered arrival and departure times, it does present us, and some parents, with logistical challenges. We therefore hope to align these more closely from September.

DfE guidance suggests that in some local areas, there may be occasions when it is necessary to reintroduce 'bubbles' for a temporary period, to reduce mixing between groups.

Please see updated arrangements in the table below:

Bubble	Class	Class Teacher(s)	Location	Drop-off time	Collection time
Bubble 1	Reception	Mrs Elliott/Mrs Subritzky	KS1 playground	9:05 am	3:25 pm
To be reviewed on 17/9/21					
Bubble 2	Y1/2	Mrs Abbott/Mrs Rowntree	KS1 playground	8:55 am	3:20pm
	Y1/2	Mr Gargiulo	KS1 playground	8:55 am	3:20pm
Bubble 3	Y3/4	Mrs Jones/Mrs Todd	New KS2 playground	8:45 am	3:10 pm
	Y3/4	Miss Malarkey	New KS2 playground	8:45 am	3:10 pm
	Y3/4	Miss Sugden	New KS2 playground	8:45 am	3:10 pm
Bubble 4	Y5	Miss Dunn	Old KS2 playground	8:55 am	3:20 pm
Bubble 5	Y6	Miss Dickenson	Old KS2 playground	8:55 am	3:20pm

Punctuality continues to be very important. To avoid unnecessary congestion, we ask that:

- Pupils continue to walk /scooter/cycle to school, whenever possible.
- Pupils do not arrive too early. Staff will be out to meet their classes 5 minutes before their allocated start time. We are unable to supervise the children before this time.



- Parents drop off/collect at the allocated time/location
- Parents do not gather at gates/entrances/ on pathways around school and do not enter the building unless by prior appointment.

If for any reason you are late, please proceed to the main entrance, where a member of staff will be happy to help.

Tracing Close Contacts and Isolation

Attendance for all pupils is mandatory. However, pupils must self-isolate immediately if they are presenting with symptoms of coronavirus, or if they live with somebody presenting with symptoms. They must not attend school until the self-isolation period has passed or a negative PCR has been received by the person with symptoms.

From August 16th 2021, close contacts will be identified via NHS Test and Trace and education settings will no longer be expected to undertake contact tracing. NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case to identify close contacts.

Contacts **from a school setting** will only be traced by NHS Test and Trace where the positive case specifically identifies the individual as being a close contact. This is expected to be a small number of individuals who would be most at risk of contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of the close contact.

School may be contacted in exceptional cases to help with identifying close contacts, as currently happens in managing other infectious diseases.

From 16 August 2021, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. Instead, children will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test.

We encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

School will continue to have a role in working with health protection teams in the case of a local outbreak. If there is an outbreak in school or if central government offers the area an enhanced response package, a director of public health might advise us to temporarily reintroduce some control measures.

Pupils who are not sick but cannot attend school due to self-isolation requirements will be educated remotely. If this circumstance arises, the school will discuss with you how your child can access remote education.

If you are worried about your symptoms or those of a child, please call NHS 111. Do not go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment.

COVID testing is available for anyone displaying symptoms.

A coronavirus test can be booked here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

School Uniform

We ask that children wear school uniform and recommend that it is washed as frequently as possible. Please ensure that children always bring a sweatshirt/cardigan- rooms will continue to be ventilated so it may get chilly! Also, please could you ensure your child always brings a jacket- we do go outside in showers.

Equipment

Children should **only** bring a PE kit in a small bag, a water bottle and their book bag. All other resources and stationery will be provided. **No pencil cases or large backpacks please- we are unable to store these in school!**



Curriculum Offer

Once again, the priority for our children, as they return to school in September, will be around settling back into new class and school routines. Staff will provide plenty of reassurance and opportunities to talk as they assess and plan for their next steps in learning. Details of our extra-curricular offer will be published in September.

We will take a gradual approach to reintegrating bubbles at playtimes, lunchtimes and in Collective Worship.

Remote education may need to be an essential component in the delivery of the school curriculum for some pupils, alongside classroom teaching or in the case of a local lockdown. It will need to align as closely as possible with in-school provision. Our remote learning protocols can be found on our school website. Please note, it is important that our protocols and practices can be easily implemented when needed and are manageable and sustainable for staff.

School Lunches

In September we will return to dining in the school hall. The catering contract will be provided by North Yorkshire County Caterers. There will be no charge for pupils in EYFS, KS1 or children in receipt of free school meals. Payments for all other year groups can be made via Parentpay. The price for a school meal from September will be £2.50.

Special diets will be catered. Please contact the school office for a Special Diet Request Form if you haven't already completed one.

Children can, of course, bring a packed lunch if preferred. Packed lunches should be sent in a strong named container. The food should be such that your child can manage to eat it himself/herself at lunchtime. Jugs of water will be provided on the tables. Children are encouraged to finish their lunch. Fizzy drinks, canned drinks and glass bottles must not be brought to school.

We do ask parents not to send anything containing nuts to school. We have a number of children who are allergic to nuts and we do try to keep our school a 'NUT FREE ZONE'.

As always, please feel free to email me if there is anything you would like me to clarify further and I will continue to provide you with updates on the school's position as news unfolds. **As I mentioned earlier, if our plan needs to change significantly, I will try to provide you with as much notice as possible.**

Once again, my heartfelt thanks and appreciation goes out to the whole of our school community- pupils, parents, staff, governors, trustees and SYMAT colleagues- for the patience, understanding and care you have afforded me over the past academic year. Together we have successfully negotiated our way through another interesting academic year and I feel incredibly privileged to work within such a supportive village.

I wish you a very happy and enjoyable summer break and look forward to seeing you all in September. Stay safe!

With very best wishes,



Caroline Hancy

Headteacher



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