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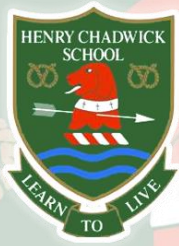
Dear Parents and Carers

Return to School - 2nd September 2021

I appreciate that levels of anxiety remain high amongst many people and that guidance is unclear in some areas. I hope that the information below will help us all understand the latest Government guidelines and expectations - should you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with school.

Vicki Barnes

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Information for Parents/Carers based on DFE guidance

Main messages:

- Attendance for school-aged pupils is mandatory and for nursery aged children is strongly recommended - normal attendance rules will apply.
- Staff will continue to be encouraged to take Lateral Flow tests twice a week.
- Children under 18 should continue to attend school as normal even if they have been in close contact with a positive case - we would appreciate it if you can inform school if your child has been a close contact so that we can monitor them closely.
- There is no longer a requirement for schools to keep children / staff in bubbles
- There is no requirement for staff to wear masks - this will be up to individual staff members.

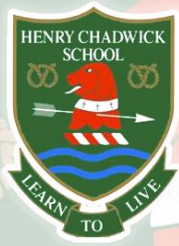
Attendance and remote learning

- Children should attend school unless they test positive for COVID. It is a parents and carers' legal duty to ensure that children attend school.
- If a child is at home because they have tested positive or are awaiting a PCR result after displaying symptoms, school will provide remote learning if they are well enough to learn from home - many children with COVID usually have mild or no symptoms.
- Please contact school if you are worried about sending your child to school.

Helping make school as safe as possible

- We will continue with regular cleaning throughout the day
- We will continue to encourage children to wash their hands regularly
- We will continue to ensure classrooms and communal areas are well ventilated - please send an additional layer of clothing to prevent children from getting cold.
- School has an outbreak management plan in place.
- If there is an outbreak in school or school is in an enhanced response area - bubbles and masks may be reintroduced.
- Although face coverings are not mandatory (and never were in primary schools), this will be left to staffs' personal choice.
- Children with symptoms or those that have tested positive should not be sent into school
- Children that are required to quarantine e.g. due to a holiday, must isolate following Government guidance.

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Tracing and self-isolation

- School will no longer be responsible for tracing close contacts - this will be done through NHS Test and Trace.
- Individuals that are a close contact will no longer need to isolate if they are: below 18 or are fully vaccinated.
- Children under 18, that have been a close contact will not need to wear masks in school but are required to do so on school transport.

Testing

- Staff will continue to be encouraged to take lateral flow tests twice per week.
- Parents / Carers of a child showing symptoms will be asked to collect children immediately - the pupil will need to take a PCR test and must self-isolate until they receive a negative result - remote learning will be provided.
- There is some financial support available for parents that need to look after an isolating child. There are specific eligibility criteria - see Government website for more information. (Claiming financial support under the Test and Trace Support Payment Scheme.)

Other

- Assessments for primary pupils are expected to take place as normal for the 2021/2022 academic year
- There will be some catch-up programmes in school - we will notify individual parents of any specific additional support their children may receive - such catch-up provision will be following rigorous assessment results and through smaller group teaching.
- Please avoid planning holidays in term time and be aware of any quarantine following holidays that may result in lost school time.
- Children eligible for Free School Meals will be provided with food if they cannot attend school due to having COVID or awaiting a PCR result following symptoms.

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