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Dear Parents,

I hope you are all well and have managed to enjoy some family time over the summer. As promised when we finished in July, I am writing to update you on changes to our Covid-19 procedures and risk assessment when the children return to school on **Thursday 2nd September 2021**.

Is it compulsory for my child to attend school?	Yes.	
What can my child bring to school? (Everything must be clearly named)	<p style="text-align: center;">✔</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PE kit ● A coat ● Indoor plimsolls ● A wipe clean lunch box and water bottle ● Sun cream & hat, dependent on weather ● Inhaler (and spacer if applicable) ● Book bag, which should have their homework book/folder in as well as their reading books. ● A piece of fruit for morning break. ● The younger children may bring a change of clothes in case they have a toileting accident. 	<p style="text-align: center;">✘</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Toys ● Hand Sanitiser
What should my child wear?	Normal school uniform	
What time should I drop off and collect my child?	<p>We are going to revert back to normal times: the doors will open at 8:30am and registration is at 8:40am. For children in Reception, registration is at 8:45am. For anyone arriving after these times, the classroom doors will be closed so you will need to bring your child to the main office so they can be signed in late. Collection at the end of the day is 3:05pm for Years 1- 6 and 3pm for Reception.</p> <p><u>Children in Nursery:</u> 15 hour mornings - drop off at 8:30am, collection at 11:30am. 15 hour afternoons - drop off at 12pm, collection at 3pm. 30 hour - drop off at 9am, collection at 3pm.</p>	
Can parents come on site?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We are still encouraging only one adult to come onto the school site per family. ● Parents will not be allowed in the building unless they urgently need to speak with the teacher. ● Parents wishing to speak to their child's teacher are asked to do this <i>whilst respecting social distancing</i>. The end of the day is better than before school as learning starts promptly after registration. ● Parents must supervise their children when on site, ensuring they do not use the wooden play equipment or 	

	gazebo. Children must walk with their parent/carer and not run off.
Will there be a one way system still in place?	Yes, we are continuing with this. Please enter the school via the side entrance off of Queensway and exit onto Brantwood Rise.
Should parents wear face coverings on site?	Yes, parents are still politely asked to wear face coverings, unless you have proof of exemption.
Can my child wear a face covering in school?	No.
Will staff be wearing a face covering?	Only at drop off and collection time.
Will staff be wearing PPE?	Only in the following circumstances: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administering first aid. • Assisting with intimate care. • If they are waiting with a child in the sick bay who is displaying Covid symptoms and are awaiting collection by their parent. • Whilst cleaning.
What systems will be in place to encourage good hygiene?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand sanitiser available in every classroom. • Regular access to hand washing with anti-bacterial soap. • ‘Catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach - tissues available in every classroom, together with lidded pedal bins for safe disposal. Bins will be emptied regularly, double bagged and disposed of in accordance with guidelines. • Hand washing notices and reminders in all classroom and cloakroom areas. • Children educated in the importance of hand hygiene. Hand washing supervised as needed.
What happens if my child becomes unwell at school with potential Covid-19 symptoms?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child will immediately be removed from class and taken to the sick bay with an adult staying with them, who will wear PPE. • We will ring parents to collect the child straight away. • You should arrange for a Covid test. You must notify the school immediately with the results. • If the result is positive then the child must isolate for 10 days, but now close contacts no longer have to isolate if they are under 18 years old or have been double vaccinated and have no symptoms. • If the result is negative, the child may return to school as soon as they are fit and well.
Are bubbles still place?	No
Will I be informed if my child is a close contact with someone who has tested positive?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School are no longer responsible for test and trace, it is the NHS. We would only notify families if there were a significant number of cases, following Public Health England advice. • You may be contact directly though the NHS test and trace system. • NHS ask that close contacts get a PCR test even if they have no symptoms.
Does the household have to isolate whilst waiting for a PCR result?	No
What are the lunch arrangements?	We are reverting back to our pre-covid plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursery, Reception and Year 1 - eat their lunch in the hall at 11:30am and play outside 12-12:30pm. • Years 2 and 3 - eat their lunch in the hall 12-12:30pm then play outside 12:30-1pm. • Year 4 and 5 - play outside 12-12:30pm then eat their lunch in the hall 12:30-1pm

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A slight tweak is for Year 6 children who will now play outside 12-12:30pm then eat in their classrooms 12:30-1pm to ease space in the hall.
What happens to the e-vouchers for Free School Meals?	This will stop once we return to school.
Will children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 still have the free fruit scheme?	Yes.
Will Reception children still have the free milk scheme?	Yes.
Will the classrooms be laid out differently?	No. There are no longer restrictions about how classrooms need to be organised.
Will there be any trips taking place?	We are going to keep to local trips/visits in the autumn term.
Will my child still do indoor PE?	PE will be back to normal, so each class will have 2 PE slots a week; sometimes indoors and sometimes outdoors.
Will there be any curriculum restrictions?	No.
Will my child be set homework?	Yes. We will be following our normal homework policy.
Will there be assemblies?	Yes, but we won't be doing whole school assemblies or ones which allow parents to attend. Assemblies will be within their own class, cohort or Key Stage.
Is Wrap Around Care on offer, i.e. Breakfast and After School Club?	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Breakfast Club – please pre-book and pay via Parent Pay. Breakfast Club opens at 7:45am. Parents must still adhere to the one way system when accessing Breakfast Club.</p> <p>After School Club – please book by email to: childcare@queensway.oxon.sch.uk</p>
Will clubs be running at lunch time and after school	Not at the moment. This will be reviewed at the end of Term 1
Will other professionals be visiting school such as Social Workers, School Nurses, Speech Therapists?	Yes. 1:1 sessions will be in ventilated rooms with strict hygiene measures in place.
Will children be outside at play times together?	Yes. Bubbles will no longer be in place but due to the number of playgrounds we have, different year groups will be spread across the site, as we would do normally.

The main way in which we can stop the spread of the virus is by strictly following the message below:

Children must not come to school if they are unwell, showing any Covid symptoms.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us. We are really looking getting back to some 'normality.'

Best wishes

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Head Teacher