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Dear Families,

September will see the relaxing of Covid-19 guidance for schools. This letter contains all of the information you need to ensure that your children are at school and ready for learning when we return to school in September.

Attendance

Attendance is compulsory – we will continue to follow our usual procedures for monitoring attendance and contact families when we need to. If attendance drops below 95% you will receive a letter and request for medical evidence for absences. If attendance does not improve, we will issue a Fixed Penalty Notice where appropriate.

Self-Isolation

From 16th August 2021, pupils under the age of 18 will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are identified as a close contact of a positive case. Instead, pupils will be advised by NHS Test and Trace to take a PCR test and will only need to isolate if they produce a positive test.

Fully vaccinated adults who are identified as a close contact of a positive case will not need to self-isolate unless they develop symptoms or produce a positive test, as long as they are fully vaccinated (From August 2021).

If anyone in the school develops coronavirus symptoms while at school, they will be:

- Sent home to begin isolation – the isolation period includes the day the symptoms started and the next 10 full days.
- Advised to follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus infection.
- Advised to arrange a PCR test as soon as possible.

Times of the School Day

Nursery

Morning Session:
8:30 – 11:30am

Afternoon Session:
12:30 – 3:30pm

Drop off and collection
from the Nursery garden

Reception

8:35am – 3:15pm

**In the morning, gates
open at 8:35am and
close at 8:50.**

Drop off and collection
via the Key Stage 1
entrance next to Clever
Kidz.

Key Stage 1 and 2 (Years 1 – 6)

8:35am – 3:30pm

**In the morning, gates
open at 8:35am and close
at 8:50.**

Drop off and collection via
the Key Stage 1 or 2 gate.

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We will not be operating a one-way system, please use the most appropriate gate for your drop off and pick up and be considerate of others accessing the school site.

In order to reduce the number of adults who are on the school site, we are encouraging Key Stage 2 children to come through the gates unaccompanied in the morning and to either walk home alone or meet parents outside of the gate.

If you wish your child to walk home alone (Year 5 and 6) or to meet you on Tithe Farm Road (Key Stage 2), please email the school office (office@tithefarmprimary.co.uk) to give your permission for this to happen. Without your written permission we will assume that you will collect in person.

Face Coverings and Social Distancing

Face coverings and social distancing will no longer be mandatory as we move to stage 4. Therefore, if you feel comfortable without a face covering, we will not be enforcing the wearing of them on the school site.

It is important to be mindful of the feelings of the other adults around school and, be respectful of people's wishes to wear a face covering or to maintain a distance.

Assemblies and visits

We are very much looking forward to having assemblies in the hall again. This will also include class assemblies where families will be invited in.

Teachers have begun looking at educational visits and visitors to school which will enhance the curriculum. We have also booked a PGL residential trip for Year 6 which we have had an excellent take up for.

After School Clubs

We will begin to run extra-curricular and academic after school clubs from September. These clubs will run from 3:30 – 4:30pm. A letter with further information about routines for clubs and timetable will follow at the beginning of September.

Our wrap around care, which will now be known as 'Big Fun Club,' will operate Monday to Friday before and after school. An information handbook will be emailed to all families shortly.

PE Kits

Wearing PE kits to school on PE days has proved to be successful this year. It has meant that learning time has not been lost through changing time. We will continue to ask for children to come to school in their PE kits on they allotted days.

PE Kit

- *Black bottoms –joggers, leggings, shorts, skort
- *Red Tithe Farm T-shirt
- *Red school jumper for colder months
- *Trainers

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As I am sure you are aware, guidance changes frequently in response to the current infection rates. Currently infection rates are rising rapidly and should this still be the case in September we will need to review and amend our practices.

We have all been looking forward to a relaxing of the rules; for some the ability to mix more freely will be welcomed and for others it will still feel like a risk- please support our staff and community to be as safe as we can. We will continue to adapt our risk assessment and routines as required to ensure that we can operate in as safe a way as possible. The most up-to-date risk assessment will be on the school website at the start of September.

Your Sincerely,

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Mrs Worsfold
Headteacher

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