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Dear Parents,

On Tuesday 6 July 2021, the Government announced that as part of Step 4 of the roadmap, from September 2021 it is proposing to reduce a number of COVID19 restrictions, which have been in place in schools for the last 18 months. This decision has been made by the Government to reduce the disruption to children's education; particularly as the clinical risks to children from COVID19 are low and every adult has been offered a first vaccine and the opportunity for two doses by September. The lifting of COVID19 restrictions in school is in line with the proposed general removal of restrictions in England.

This move is welcomed by REACH2 and our school as the priority is to deliver face-to-face, high quality education for your children. However, we also recognise that it is important that the school continues to play its part in controlling the spread of the virus through protective measures.

COVID19 Symptoms

Please note it is imperative that if your child has, or is showing symptoms of COVID19:

- High temperature
- New, continuous cough
- Loss of, or change to, sense of smell or taste

they must not attend school and should remain at home in line with Stay at Home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection – Gov.uk. They should take a PCR test within two days and only return to school if the test result is negative. Parents should follow the NHS Test and Trace process. Whilst awaiting the PCR result, your child should continue to self-isolate.

If the PCR test is taken within two days of a positive lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test and your child can return to school, as long as they don't have COVID-19 symptoms.

Under the current arrangements, if a child is identified as a close contact of someone who tests positive for COVID19 they are required to self-isolate. However as of the **16 August**, children and those members of staff who are fully vaccinated will not be required to isolate if they are identified as a close contact. Instead, they will be advised to take a PCR test. They will not be required to isolate whilst they await the results of the PCR test.

Please note that self-isolation will continue for those who have tested positive for COVID19 or who display symptoms.

Therefore, in September (currently) there are no COVID19 measures that are required to be in place except for robust cleaning in school. At MPA, we want to continue to protect our community as much as we can. In this letter you will find our September opening arrangements. If changes happen, we will contact you as soon as we are notified.

Drop and Collection

All children can arrive between 8.40 and 8.50am. We will continue to ask parents in Key Stage 2 to drop off at the school gate. Our new reception children will start at 9.15am on their first day.

Miss Churchman and Mr Francis will ensure parents and children follow the instructions to enter the school site. Parents are not permitted inside the school building and will drop off children at the designated areas. Children will continue to sanitise their hands as they enter the school building.

We will continue to ask only one adult drops off and collects children.

When dropping off and collecting your children you will follow the one-way system in place. Parents will not be able to stop and form groups on the school playground.

We would encourage face coverings to be worn on school premises by families. However, we cannot enforce this. We would just like to keep our community as safe as we can.

We have reviewed collection timings, and we will need to continue with a staggered time for collection once we return. We will then review this over the Autumn Term.

Small Blue Class Holly Blue Class	Adonis Blue Class Chalk Hill Blue Class Silver Studded Blue Class	Siblings
3.10pm	3.15pm	3.10pm

Arrangements for the School Day

There will be no bubbles in school from September, children will all be able to play together again which will be amazing. We have missed seeing the children play together.

Face coverings in school are not mandatory, but staff will have the option to wear these if they wish inside and outside of the classroom. All visitors to school will be asked to wear a face covering if entering the school building.

There will be hot meals available in school, the new menu is on the website. Alternatively, children can bring in a packed lunch. The cost for a school lunch is £2.30 for pupils in Years 3 and above, if you are not entitled to free school meals. If you are entitled to free school meals, you will need to make a claim for this from Year 3 onwards.

Lunch Arrangements		
Small Blues	Holly Blues	Adonis Blues Chalk Hill Blues Silver Studded Blues
11.50am - 1.00pm	12.00noon - 1.00pm The slower eaters will go to lunch at 11.50am to allow them additional time to eat.	12.00noon - 1.00pm Silver Studded Blues can eat their packed lunches on the field, all others will eat in the hall.

Children need to wear full PE KIT on PE days. All children will have PE sessions with Mr Dowsing from Inspire Suffolk from **week commencing 6 September**. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on the correct days. Black jogging bottoms and black sweatshirts are to be worn to keep the children warm in colder weather. Please see our website for uniform information if you are unsure.

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Small Blues	Chalk Hill Blues and Silver Studded Blues	Adonis Blues	Holly Blues

If your child is attending an after-school club, they will need to bring a change of clothes to change into at the end of the day. Details of clubs from September 2021 were shared yesterday. Also, all staff will be running a club again in September so there will be a range of activities for your child to enjoy.

Items in School

Children in Key Stage Two can bring in their own pencil case if they wish to. There will be stationery in school for the children to use.

Children can bring in bags, but we ask that they do not bring in toys and personal things which can get lost or damaged.

Reading books will be with you all week and we will not need to quarantine; we will share the days booked are changed in September.

School Trips

These will take place and we cannot wait for the children to enjoy learning off site next year.

Medicines

If your child is returning to school medicines must be returned on their first day back. If they come with no medicine, they will not be permitted into school without it.

I hope these arrangements provide you with the information you need.

We would like to thank you for your support over the last school year, you have worked in partnership with the school to keep our school community as safe as possible. We wish you a wonderful Summer and look forward to seeing you on Monday 6 September.

Yours sincerely,

Miss E Churchman
Head Teacher