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Dear Parent/Carer

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

**Re: Living With Covid Plan**

Our updated Living With Covid Risk Assessment has now been approved and is available for you to view on our website.

The main changes are as follows:

Face Coverings

Parents are no longer required to wear face coverings on school premises.

Visitors are no longer required to wear face coverings when visiting school (but can do so if they wish).

Staff are no longer required to wear face coverings in communal areas of the school (but can do so if they wish).

Meet and Greet

One of the most positive outcomes of Covid has been the changes made to the beginning of the school day and this is something we will continue with. We have received extremely positive feedback from children, parents, residents and teachers regarding this 'relaxed start' and therefore I will continue to welcome everyone into school each morning at the main gate and the use of the 'collection box' will continue.

Children going straight into their Learning Zone has had a huge positive impact and allows Teachers to get straight on with teaching rather than taking time to settle the children. This relaxed start to the day has helped children to settle quickly and has also allowed for interventions and catch up sessions to take place.

The use of one 'collection box' also saves teachers time in terms of collecting forms in, children searching in bags etc and means that essential paperwork goes direct to the school office for processing.

Welcoming everyone at the start of the day is my favourite part of the day and is a lovely, positive way to begin and therefore I hope you will agree that it is a good idea to continue with this practise.

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### Start Times

I will open the gates at **8.45am with effect from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022**. All children should arrive at school between 8.45am and 8.55am. Children should be in their Learning Zone with hands washed and ready to learn for lessons starting promptly at 9am.

The gates will be locked promptly at 9am and any late arrivals should be brought to the main entrance. I am a teaching Head and therefore need to close the gates and get to the classroom really quickly on a Wednesday and Thursday morning and therefore cannot keep the gates open beyond 9am.

### One-way System

For the time being we will be continuing with our current one-way system to avoid parents passing each other closely on the ramp at the main gate. I will keep this under review.

### Activities in School

All activities in school have now returned to normal including: whole school collective worship, playtimes, lunchtimes etc.

### Collection Times

These remain the same. Opal, Amethyst and Sapphire children (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2) should be collected at 3.15pm. Ruby, Emerald and Diamond children (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6) should be collected at 3.25pm.

Can I please ask that parents keep their children with them once they have been collected and that they are not allowed to run on the school field. We are trying to allow the grass to recover from damage over the winter so that the children can enjoy using it after the Easter holidays – thank you.

### Visitors into school

We are delighted to be able to invite parents into school with effect from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022. I do appreciate however, that some people may still feel uncomfortable in large groups and therefore wherever possible alternative zoom calls will be offered.

Our Parent Appointments will take place during week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and you will be offered either a face to face or virtual appointment.

We are also welcoming visitors into school to work with our children, deliver workshops, events and assemblies.

### Educational Visits

Educational Visits can now resume and we have our first visit planned for the Diamond Learning Zone next week to Beamish. All visits will have strict risk assessments.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

*Mrs D Cross*

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