



Update on activities and after school clubs in light of revised Covid guidance. – Autumn second half term.

November 8th 2021.

Dear Parents/carers,

As you will have seen from the letter we sent out on Friday by email, all schools are now having to reintroduce some Covid measures in light of rising cases in County Durham and indeed across the whole country . I outlined these in the letter last week, which you will need to read carefully, if you haven't already done so.

It will obviously have an effect on some activities where children mix in school. There has been very little time to consider this as the local authority only advised headteachers last Thursday.

For your information and to provide clarity:

- Breakfast Club will still take place, and children will be sat in year groups or with siblings
- Children are still able to mix on the yards (though we do have staggered break times and lunch times in place)
- Start and end of the day is still staggered. Children can enter school from 8.40am (nursery) and from 8.45- 9.00am for KS1 and KS2. Nursery children can be collected from 2.40pm and KS1 leave at 3pm, KS2 at 3.10pm.
- Staff will be wearing masks in communal areas in school and at start and end of the day.
- Lunchtimes are still staggered and children sit apart from other year groups.
- School photos will still happen this term, but family groups with siblings not in school **MUST** be booked in advance with the school office before the end of this week. Siblings within school will be taken in the normal way during the day.

After school clubs:

- Single year group clubs can still go ahead (Y6 maths, construction, Zumba)
- Mixed clubs – ukulele club will happen today (8.11.21.) Mr Soler will send out details of how the rest of term will run on Dojo. He will need to run alternate weeks for year groups unfortunately.

- Girls football can take place outdoors, as can Tag rugby. Inclement weather may mean these sessions will have to be cancelled at short notice.
- Film club . This will still take place on Thursdays with two groups. Y3/Y5 on 11.11.21, and Y4/Y6 on 18.11.21, then alternate weeks until 16th December.
- Christmas concert club. This club will need to be cancelled. We are extremely sad that this is now not able to happen, but it is a large mixed club from Y3-6 and as such under the new guidance it can't take place. It would be too difficult to run this as separate year groups and at some point children would need to come together to rehearse. (We will still ensure children take part in a year group Christmas event which staff will need to work on with their Year groups, similar to last year.)
- Other year group productions will take place , however now parents will not be able to come into school to watch these, we will video them to share.

I am very sorry to have to disappoint everyone , however , we have to follow the guidance that has been sent out by the Local Authority to all schools, which is based on the rising numbers of Covid cases in the community. Hopefully guidance will change again soon and we can mix more.

Stay safe,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Glass

Headteacher