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Covid Update50

19<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents

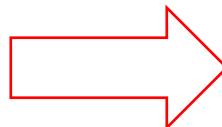
### Arrangements for September 2021

We wish to share with you our **provisional** plan for the return to school in September. After the last three weeks, we are reminded that we cannot take anything for granted but we are hopeful that we can implement a new way of operating in September and we will continue to follow guidance.

Although the climate of restriction, rigorous routine and risk management has provided its challenges for all of us, schools have had an opportunity to look objectively on the impacts of these things on its daily operation. With this in mind, we are going to revise some changes and retain some aspects of others.

We will set out the alterations we aim to make in light of the transition from Covid guidance to the removal of measures

Covid Routines September 20-July 21	Alterations effective from 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021
Staggered starts and finish times	We are proposing that we will no longer need to have staggered start and finish times. School will start at 8.55am and finish at 3.05pm for all children except *Nursery where there are separate arrangements
How do I drop off and collect my children	<b>FROM 8.50 am Children</b> will be dropped off and collected in the same way. The key difference will be that parents in Y3 – Y6 will be encouraged not to block the footpath. Please come into the dropping off zone (still cordoned by barriers) and leave your child to walk to their lines by themselves:  Y6M Y5/6H Y5F Y4Sh  Y3 4C      Entrance stays the same as 20/21 Y3 Su      Entrance stays the same as 20 /21  Y1T      These children will now enter via the rear gates by Nursery and form three lines on the inside of this gate Y1 2 G Y2C      These children will now enter via the rear gates by Nursery and form three lines on the inside of the gate
Pupil Entry Exit Points	Nursery and Reception The Field Gates Year 1 and Year 2 The gate at the rear of the school carpark Years 3456 Middle Gates off the footpath



These classes will line up on a marked line at the far end of the hall and enter through the doors opposite the foyer internal doors

Bubbles and Pods	The bubble culture and the pods in which we have been working will go. The school has planned the reorganisation of Early Years Centre /Relocation of key stage 1 and Key Stage 2 classes (Map attached). Some aspects of breaktime organisation will be retained in relation to where children play.
Teaching staff	The vast majority of teaching and non teaching staff will have received a double vaccination
Bags Not Rucksacks	PE bags and book bags only
School Meals	It is our intention to return to school dinners from <b>20<sup>th</sup> September</b> . We will have recommissioned the school hall and the kitchens will have a lead in time for the provision of hot meals
Curriculum	The curriculum will return to including a wider range of subjects and reading will feature very strongly in every year group
Collective Worship	We will continue with collective worship assemblies in our own classrooms and we may have the opportunity to broadcast some via Zoom
Reading Books	Children will be taking reading books home where appropriate from school
Face Masks	It will be no longer statutory to wear face masks on site and the government has left it to our personal responsibility to make the decisions. Some of you will choose to do so in any congested scenario just as some of you will continue to do so in shops and public places
Test and Trace	Schools are no longer involved in Test and Trace activities This will be the responsibility of NHS. We have sent an important letter re test and trace and what you should do if your child has symptoms. It is important that you read this letter and keep it to hand. <b>Separate letter sent to all parents on 19/07/21</b>
Parent Communications and Office Traffic	We ask that all enquiries go through the office via email or telephone. We will continue to use Text 2 Parents and email out newsletters.
Parent Communications and Curriculum	Curriculum Presentations and Parents Meetings will still be conducted via Zoom in the Autumn and further details will follow next term
Trips and Residential Visits	We are hopeful that we will be able to recommence curriculum trips and consider residential visits as these activities enrich the children's learning.
Extra - Curricular Clubs	We will be looking to expand our extra- curricular clubs in the Autumn term
Assessment	Year 6 SATs are scheduled for May 2022 at present. Similarly, a Year 1 phonics screen will take place next June and Teacher assessment will take place for Year 2 children June 2022 as well as a Y4 Multiplication Tables Check in June 2022

We have attached a plan of the new layout of the school with the Independent Learning Names give to the phase groups.

We expect that given the dichotomy of so-called Freedom Day and Relaxing of Measures in contrast with spiralling new cases, we need to be ready for new and changing guidance so '*having to learn to live with Covid*' also means having to adopt the same caution and care as we have done with our management of other more traditional infectious diseases (vomiting bugs flu etc). As a parent body you have given the school tremendous support in reporting and taking timely preventative action. Please see the actions outlined above as our school community's approach to putting our children **first** in their education and their health and safety.

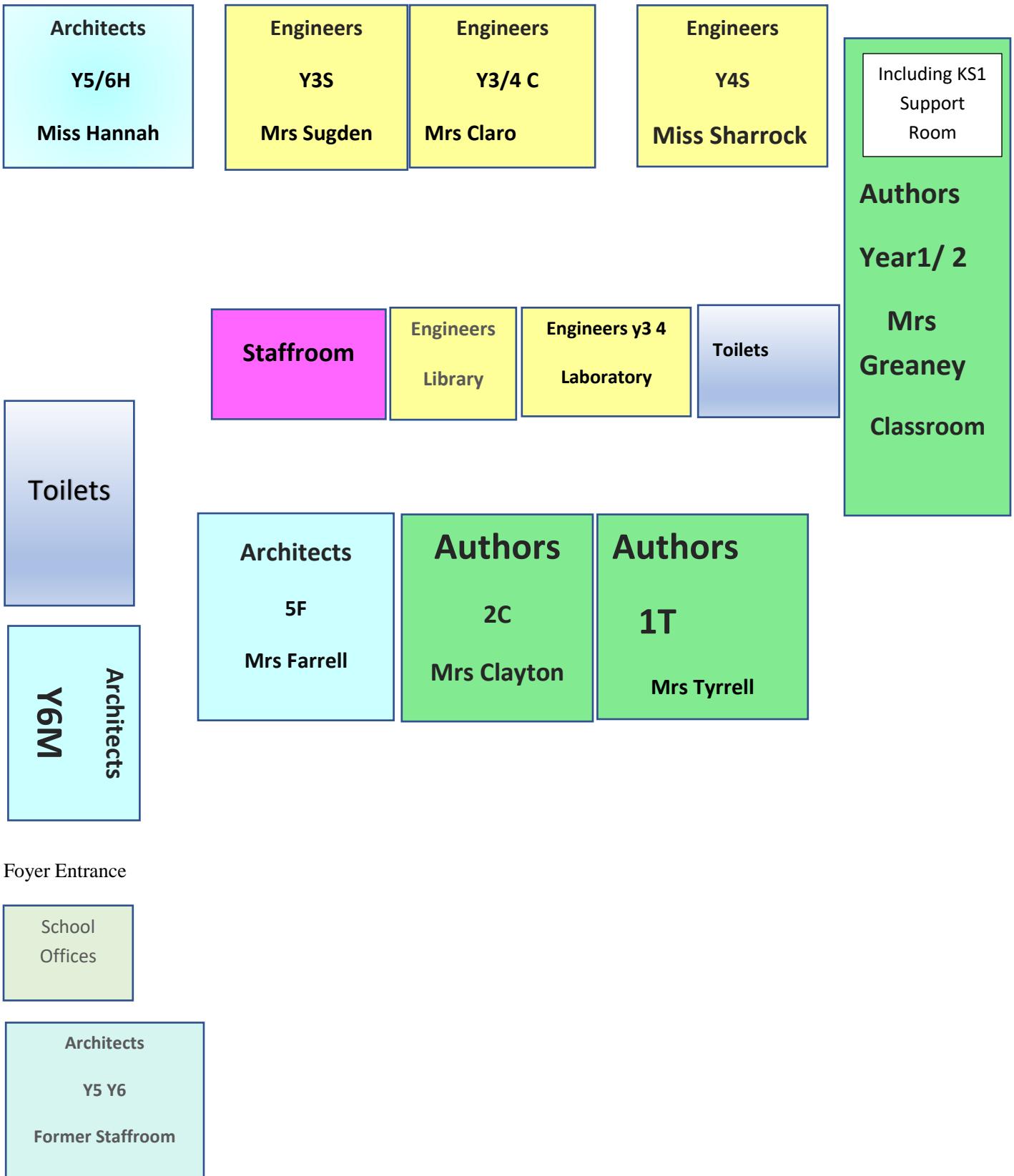
We wish you a peaceful and safe holiday and hope that we can all take the next steps forward with confidence. You are assured that we will continue to follow guidance and look ahead to the new school year with optimism and excitement as we develop the curriculum and all the children's opportunities

Yours sincerely,

Kieran A Loftus Headteacher

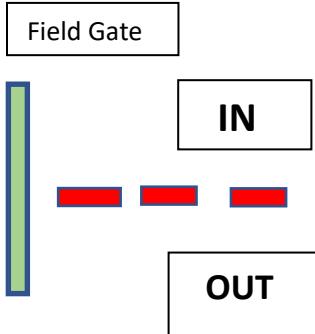
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## Main School Layout September 2021



# Early Years Centre

Miss Plunkett	Mrs Smith	Mrs Devey
Reception	Nursery	Reception
Inventors	Inventors	Inventors



Reception Classes Parents are asked to wait on the **playground by the field** collects and dismisses the children at the start and end of the school day.

Please remember that communications with teachers will go through email and telephone call or if it is really important a note handed in

All staff in this centre will be focussed on admitting the children into their classrooms.

Similarly, if you need a face to face word at the end of the day, please wait until the teacher has safely dismissed all of the children in her care so that you can have her undivided attention.

