

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome Back

We hope that our Starbeck Primary families and friends have had an enjoyable summer holiday and feel well rested. I am sure we are all now in need of returning to routine and everyone at school is looking forward to welcoming your children back this week.

As you will remember, we wrote to parents and carers in the final weeks of term with details about the new school year. If you would like to re-read this, the letter is available on our website: <http://www.starbeckprimaryacademy.co.uk/parents-carers/letters-home/>

A reminder regarding timings

We have now returned to our normal start time for all children at 8.50am. All doors will however be open from 8.40am to enable children to arrive and get settled before the official start of day. Children must arrive by 8.50am at the latest to avoid being marked as late in the register.

Although children are now able to mix, we will continue using the entrances and exits used during the summer term and not return to lining up in the playground. We have found that allowing children to go straight into their learning areas leads to a calm and prompt start to the day.

Both the front and rear entrances and gates to the school grounds can be used at the start and end of day to access our school site. Gates to the school will be locked by 9am after which any late arriving children and parents should report to the main reception.

Hygiene in School

As per the government guidance, we will continue to promote regular hand washing and use of hand sanitiser at regular intervals throughout the day, including before meals and after using toilets. We continue to ensure that adequate ventilation is available in all rooms throughout our school buildings. The government has announced that they will provide schools with CO2 monitors to further assist in identifying areas requiring additional ventilation. We continue to have enhanced (daytime) cleaning of frequently touched surfaces (for example sinks, taps, handles, tabletops).

Governors and Trust Update

As in previous terms, our trust schools have all completed full risk assessments to ensure that safety is at the forefront in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic. The updated RA will be available on our website as before from Monday. [Starbeck Community Primary and Nursery School | Northern Star Academies Trust - Coronavirus Update \(starbeckprimaryacademy.co.uk\)](#)

When to self-isolate (NHS Guidance)

Self-isolate straight away and get a [PCR test \(a test that is sent to the lab\) on GOV.UK](#) as soon as possible if you have any of these 3 symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

You should also self-isolate straight away if:

- you've tested positive for COVID-19 – this means you have the virus



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- someone you live with has symptoms or tested positive (unless you are not required to self-isolate – check below if this applies to you)
- you've been told to self-isolate following contact with someone who tested positive – [find out what to do if you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app](#)

What to do when someone in your household tests positive or has symptoms of Covid-19 (NHS Guidance)

Even if you do not have symptoms, you should still:

- get a [PCR test on GOV.UK](#) to check if you have COVID-19
- follow advice on [how to avoid catching and spreading COVID-19](#)
- consider limiting contact with [people who are at higher risk from COVID-19](#)

If your PCR test is negative, then you will no longer need to isolate for 10 days if you meet the criteria below:

- you're fully vaccinated – this means 14 days have passed since your final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine given by the NHS
- you're under 18 years, 6 months old
- you're not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Class Mixing

There are no longer requirements to keep children in separate bubbles all day. Children will now be able to mix during breaks and lunchtimes as well as re-introducing key stage and full assemblies during the half term. We continue to follow government and Public Health England advice around this. **Should any school experience an outbreak (5 children, pupils or staff who test positive within a 10-day period and have mixed closely), we must follow PHE advice and may have to re-introduce additional measures.**

Breakfast and After-School Clubs

Breakfast and After School Club provision restarts on Tuesday 7th September. If you need to book in, please remember that booking and payment in advance is essential. If your child will be needing regular breakfast or after school club care, please could you email Mrs Johnson who will provide you with a booking form. Please email to admin@starbeck.n-yorks.sch.uk

Please note that we will not be able to accept one-off or on the day requests.

Parking and Springwater School access

Please could we remind parents and carers that due to limited spaces and general safety, not to park on the school grounds unless you have spoken to myself or Mrs Pitts to agree this for a specific reason. Access to the rear car park is now restricted due to a new electronic gate system meaning gates remain closed at all times. Springwater School have now moved into the old school house to the right of the school as this building is owned by the local authority. They do not have vehicle access to our drive but do have pedestrian access to the front and rear of the house so please be aware and cautious of this if you do have to drive into the right-side/vehicle access driveway. Thank you.

If you have any questions that have been left unanswered, or if you would like to speak to a member of staff, please telephone the school and we will be happy to help.

Yours sincerely,

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