



THE TITHE ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/ Carers

As you will be aware, on 29th March there was a further lifting of restrictions across the country. Please see below a breakdown detailing this information.

Social contact - The evidence shows that it is safer for people to meet outdoors rather than indoors. And this is why from 29 March, when most schools start to break up for the Easter holidays, outdoor gatherings (including in private gardens) of either 6 people (the Rule of 6) or 2 households will also be allowed, making it easier for friends and families to meet outside.

Business activities - Outdoor sports facilities such as tennis and basketball courts, and open-air swimming pools, will also be allowed to reopen, and people will be able to take part in formally organised outdoor sports.

Travel - The 'stay at home' rule will end on 29th March but many restrictions will remain in place. People should continue to work from home where they can and minimise the number of journeys they make where possible, avoiding travel at the busiest times and routes. Travel abroad will continue to be prohibited, other than for a small number of permitted reasons. Holidays abroad will not be allowed, given it will remain important to manage the risk of imported variants and protect the vaccination programme. The government has launched a new taskforce to review global travel which will report on 12th April.

We have reviewed and updated our risk assessment in line with government guidelines. The updated risk assessment is on our website and many of our protective measures remain the same.

We will continue to have in place a number of measures and systems of control:

- Full and thorough risk assessment.
- Routines of good hygiene that are part of everyday routine and school culture.
- Regular handwashing and sanitising will be required.
- Additional cleaning routines will be in place.
- Class shared resources such as reading books and text books will be regularly cleaned/ quarantined.
- Arrangements for lesson times and lunchtimes that restrict and limit contacts between children in different year group bubbles.
- Arrangements where children from different year groups have no contact with each other.
- Different arrangements for the beginning and end of the school day.

We continue to request that parents/visitors to the school continue to wear a face covering (unless you are exempt) while on the school premises.

We have amended the timings slightly for drop off and collection to reduce the risk of transmission as restrictions begin to ease. Please ensure that you continue to maintain social distancing and move on quickly once you have dropped off or collected your child from school.

Beginning of the day:

Reception, KS1 & Year 4 children – Soft start from 8.30am

Year 3, Year 5 & Year 6 children – Soft start from 8.45am

If you have children in multiple year groups, you may continue to drop your children off from 8.30am. School officially begins at 8.55am.

Just a quick reminder that parents of KS2 children (Y3-Y6) should drop children off at the top of the gate only.

Dismissal at the end of the day:

Reception & Year 4 – 3.00pm

KS1 & Year 5 – 3.10pm

Year 3 & Year 6 – 3.20pm

Siblings can continue to be collected at the time of the eldest sibling. If there are any issues with this arrangement, please contact the office.

I want to express my gratitude to you all once again for your support and compliance during recent times. You have all been incredibly supportive and respectful of the arrangements that we have in place in school and it is a pleasure to work with you and your children on a daily basis. The children continue to adapt and respond extremely well and show tremendous resilience in school – you should be very proud of them.

Stay well and enjoy the Easter break!

Yours' sincerely



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Headteacher