



# Alsager Highfields Community Primary School

Mighty oaks from small acorns grow

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Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you've all had a happy and healthy summer break but that you're now ready for school to resume!

I am hoping that this academic year will be more like school years used to be pre-covid, with a full calendar of events, but as a school we will continue to review the pandemic measures in place and reduce these tentatively following the guidance from the DfE and the Local authority. For me, the ultimate goal is to have a year of uninterrupted learning with the whole community remaining safe. Many changes have already been communicated via the newsletter, but I'm sure some reminders would be welcome.

### Latest covid guidance

The guidance that came out from the DfE on 16.8.21 was clear in that:

- Pupils do not need to isolate UNLESS they test positive for Covid-19
- Pupils no longer have to be kept in bubbles
- Whole school assemblies for pupils can resume
- Pupils don't have to be segregated at lunch and break times

As a school we welcome the reduction in measures and hope that pupils will be able to have a higher attendance record, without the need for periods of isolation. We will be maintaining the routines of hand washing, good basic hygiene, additional cleaning, the use of sanitiser and the practice of keeping occupied spaces well ventilated. The usual practice of informing the office of any pupil absence still applies and if messages could be left prior to the start of the school day, this would be appreciated.

### New start and finish times:

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 : 8.50—3.05

Years 3-6 : 8.45—3.00

The procedure for drop off and collection will be the same as last year, i.e. dropping off and collecting from the gates. This will be reviewed at October half term.

### PE kits

Please remember on PE days, children should come dressed in PE kit., including trainers. There will be no PE this week and PE days will be communicated to pupils this week and sent out to parents by Friday.

### Pencil cases & stationery, toys & gadgets

As we are maintaining our schedule of cleaning throughout the school day, it helps enormously when personal belongings are kept to a minimum. Therefore we ask that no items such as pop-its and gadgets are brought into school. All stationery materials needed by pupils will be provided by the school. Thank you for your understanding with this.

I look forward to welcoming back your children on **Thursday**

Kind Regards

Rachel Woollam

