

# Tweendykes

School & Sixth Form



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Dear Parent/Carer

We hope you have all had a lovely summer break and a chance to relax. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

The purpose of this letter is to update you all on the changes which have been made to our Full School Risk Assessment in line with the Government road map moving the country into Step 4.

Our updated risk assessment has been devised in accordance with the DFE Covid Operational Guidance- August 2021. The school will continue to ensure the following 4 core control measures are implemented in line with this guidance:

- Ensuring good hygiene for everyone.
- Maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes.
- Keeping occupied spaces well ventilated.
- Following public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19.

The messages from the Government to schools is that we now need to “Learn to live with Covid” and “Children should not be more restricted than those in wider society”. Due to the vulnerability of our children and young people and the level of complex medical needs we have in school it is obviously important we implement a balanced and safe approach to managing Covid-19. As we move into the autumn as well as the 4 core control measures, we also need you to be aware of the following information;

- If your child/young person is showing any symptoms please continue not to send them into school. A PCR test should be carried out wherever possible when symptoms are displayed or your child/young person should remain at home.
- Lateral Flow Testing is available for all secondary age pupils throughout September. Please contact Reception to obtain a pack to test at home or if you would like school to support your young person to carry out the test in school.
- If your child/young person is under the age of 18 and/or double vaccinated they are no longer required to self-isolate if they have had direct contact of someone with Covid. i.e. household member



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- The Government advice is that if someone has tested in your household the remainder of the household should have a PCR test, however as long as the child/young person is symptom free they are able to attend school as normal.
- School will no longer carry out track and trace. This will be done through the Government track and trace system as it has throughout the summer break.
- School will keep an internal log of any positive cases and will inform you if the positive case is in your child's class, on their transport or attending after school club. We will no longer inform you of each individual case in the school.
- Staff will continue to wear PPE (apron, gloves and mask) for personal care routines, physical management and if a child/young person requires feeding.
- School will continue to contact our local Public Health Team for advice or in the case of an outbreak (2 or more cases within the same area of the school). We will continue to keep you informed when any changes are made to the current risk assessment or control measures in school.

We appreciate this still remains an anxious time for many of you. A copy of the Full School Risk Assessment is available to read on our website and please don't hesitate to contact school if you have any questions or queries regarding the updated risk assessment or the changes to procedures now in place. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Wednesday and inviting parents and carers in as soon as possible to a number of events.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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