



Monday 12th July, 2021

RE: September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a year! I would like to thank you all for your continued support throughout what has been an incredibly challenging year for many as a result of the pandemic.

As we look forward to the summer break, we have been preparing for the implications of the Government's further easing of Coronavirus restrictions on school life in September. Although, I am sure many will welcome the easing of restrictions, we are mindful that this could understandably lead to some concerns. Therefore, we will be taking a cautious approach to getting back to 'normal'. Our current procedures will remain in place until the end of the school term.

We ask that parents continue to be vigilant for symptoms of Covid-19 and ensure that you do not bring your child/children to school if someone in your household is symptomatic or has tested positive using a lateral flow device. If someone in your household is symptomatic and/or has tested positive on a LFD then you must arrange a PCR test as soon as possible.

From Monday 16 August 2021, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if you are contacted by NHS Test and Trace to confirm they have been a close contact of a positive Covid-19 case. Please take a PCR test if advised to do so and remember, PHE do **not** recommend the use of LFD tests on children under the age of 11 years.

From September, we are no longer advised to ensure a staggered start / end to the school day. **Therefore, all children will arrive at school at 8.30am and leave at 3pm. Our ARB children and their siblings will arrive at 8.45am and leave at 3.05pm.** We will continue to use all external gates for parents to drop off and pick up children. Please see the attached site plan. **All children in your family group will need to be dropped off and picked up from the youngest sibling's year group gate.** For example if you have children in Year 1, 3 and 4 you will need to drop them off and collect them from the Main entrance Gate A.

From September, children and staff will no longer be required to work in consistent group 'bubbles'. Therefore, children can mix across year groups, during Charlie's and extra curricular activities, at lunch and for assemblies etc. In the event of an outbreak in school it may become necessary to reintroduce 'bubbles' for a temporary period to reduce mixing between groups but we would inform you if that were the case.

Face coverings will no longer be advised for children, staff or visitors either in classrooms or in communal areas. If we had an outbreak then we may be advised to wear face coverings temporarily.

We will be ensuring the following control measures remain in place:

1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone.
2. Maintain appropriate cleaning regimes.
3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of Covid-19.

Please don't hesitate to contact us via: enquiries@mount-charlessch.org or 01726 73911 if you have any queries. Our school office will be open on Wednesday 1st September and we look forward to welcoming children back on Thursday 2nd September.

MOUNT CHARLES SCHOOL

A COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AGED 4 - 11

Mrs. C. Bunting
HEADTEACHER



I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all again for your continued support and hope that you all have a fantastic summer break.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Bunting'.

Claire Bunting
Head teacher

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