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Government's Step 4 Road Map Update – What does this mean for us?

Friday 16th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Prime Minister has set out details of the final roadmap step (Step 4) as we transition out of lockdown, with legal restrictions ending on Monday 19 July.

With this in mind, our three settings have come together and discussed plans in light of the changes which will **commence from September 2021**. These are as follows:

- Parents, staff and visitors can enter the site without wearing a mask or facial covering.
- There will be no staggered timetables in place and both schools and the playgroup will go back to their original timetables. Please see details below for your child's school or playgroup provision.
- Parents will be able to enter the site for morning drop off and end of day collection.
- Bubbles will no longer be in place and pupils will be able to mix at break times and during whole school events like assemblies and special days.
- Parents and family members will be able to attend special events in school.
- A risk assessment will be in place to identify measures that will be actioned if there is a positive case within the school from September 2021.
- The risk assessment will reflect the government's new plans to reduce the amount of pupils and staff having to self-isolate, if there is a positive case or an increase in local COVID -19 cases. This is called an outbreak management plan.

The following measures are specifically for your child's school **from September 2021**:

Carrant Brook Junior School

- **All children will start school at 8:50am.** Children can access their classrooms from **8:45am** and enter the site from any one of the four gates. Members of staff will be present on the main gate before children enter the site.
- Staff will meet their classes on playground at 8:45am and lead their class in for morning registration.
- **All children will finish school at 3:15pm** and again be able to use any of the gates to exit the site at this time. However, pupils who attend after-school clubs, will only be able to leave the site from the main entrance (Hardwick Bank Road) once their club has finished.

Northway Infant School

- The main playground gate will be **opened at 8.30am** by a member(s) of SLT/staff. They will be present on the playground and children will need to line up at their class spots.
- Staff will meet their classes on the playground promptly at **8.35am** and lead their class in for morning registration. Children/parents need to stay on the side of the playground until the lining up bell has been rung – it is your parental responsibility to stay with your child until the class teacher is present.
- **All children will start school at 8.40am.**
- **All children will finish school at 3pm.** Y1 and Y2 parents/carers can walk round to the classroom doors to collect their children. EYFS parents can wait at the Reception wooden gate for the children to be released from this gate.
- Children attending KIDZ club will be dropped off/ collected from their classrooms by KIDZ club staff.

Northway Pre-School & Kidz Club

- Playgroup will open at **9 a.m.**
- The **mousehole gate will open at 8.40am** allowing all parents/carers and children to wait in our playground area. (Both Pre-school and Nursery). The children remain the responsibility of the parent/carer until a member of staff has taken them from you.
- Once the rooms are open a member of staff will greet you and take the children into their respective rooms.
- The gates will be locked once all parents have left.
- The mousehole **gates will reopen at 2.50 p.m.** to allow parents to wait outside the classrooms for the children to be handed over to you at the end of the day at 3 p.m. *If you have children to pick up from Northway Infants at 3p.m. please pick up from us first. If you speak to a member of staff, we will release your child earlier to enable you to be at school for 3 p.m.*

What will happen if the restrictions are lifted from July 19th 2021?

All three settings will continue with the measures that are currently in place until the end of term – there will be NO changes before we break up for the summer holidays.

Changes will only take effect from September 2021 unless we are notified otherwise.

We ask that parents and visitors **continue to wear masks when on premises for the last 2 days of term.** This will protect families and staff before the holidays.

What if there is a positive case?

Even though some restrictions have been lifted, it is still vital that we continue to monitor the spread of the COVID-19 virus to support Public Health England with the contact trace process.

Therefore, in order to continue to protect our most vulnerable children, families and members of staff, we would be grateful if you could notify us if a member of your family **tests positive** for COVID19 **within 48 hours of being in school/playgroup (21st/ 22nd July inclusive).**

If you receive confirmation, please could you email ([head/manager email addresses at the top of this letter](#)) the appropriate setting with the following information:

- The family member with the symptoms
- The symptoms they are displaying
- The date symptoms were first noticed

- The date of test
- The date of a confirmed positive test

If symptoms first appear more than 48 hours after your child has been in their setting, so from Friday 23rd July onwards, **you do not need** to contact the School/Playgroup but follow the normal guidance for NHS Track & Trace and to self-isolate as a family.

The above information will of course be confidential. If we need to notify Parents/Carers that a bubble has broken, the bubble will need to isolate 10 days from the first day onset of symptoms/a positive test result. Due to the fact that it will be the holidays, Parents will be notified by text by Carrant Brook and Northway Infants and email by Northway Playgroup.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support during these unprecedented times and we ask that during the summer holidays that all parents check the school website for updates in relation to Government announcements and changes. We are all hopeful that we should be able to return in September to a more 'normal' routine at all of our settings.

We wish all our families a safe and enjoyable summer break and look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Kind regards,


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