

Tik Tok: Again, please can I remind parents to check your child's phone. Primary age children should not have a Tik Tok account. Harmful, totally inappropriate and upsetting content is being shared between our pupils.

Lateral Flow Testing for parents: NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school age children can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. Test kits can be collected from the COVID test centre next to school. I would recommend that parents test themselves twice a week – on a Sunday and a Wednesday.

Self-isolation: I am sure that by now the expectations on self-isolation are well known. As a reminder, if **anyone** in the immediate household (parents/siblings) go for a COVID test, then **all** members of the household must stay at home until the test result is returned as a negative.

End of day arrangements: Please can families leave the school grounds promptly at the end of the day. Children must not go on the Trim Trail with only distant supervision.

Uniform: Details of a new uniform supplier has been sent out; www.myclothing.com. The PTA receive 5% of all sales.

Lost property: With the return to school, comes the familiar pile of un-named jumpers and cardigans. Please can **all** items of clothing be named clearly with an official label or with a Sharpie pen.

Individual and Family Photographs: These will be taken on Monday 29th March. A letter has been sent out with specified times for the family shots, to ensure social distancing guidelines can be followed.

Wraparound bookings: You can now book both breakfast and afterschool wraparound place on the School Gateway. Pre-payment is needed before any booking can be made.

Looking ahead: Following on from the PTA meeting on Tuesday, to add another fun activity to our last day (Thursday 1st April), we will be holding a Chocolate Easter Egg Raffle to raise money for our PTA. We already have donations of grand prizes from Manchester Life and Urban Splash! More details of all aspects of the day will be sent out next week.

Term dates:

Finish for the Easter holiday at the end of the day on Thursday 1st April

Return to school at 8:45 on Tuesday 20th April **YEAR 4 START SWIMMING THIS WEEK – LETTER TO FOLLOW**

No school on Monday 3rd May, Bank Holiday

Finish for Whit half term at the end of the day on Friday 28th May

Return to school at 8:45 on Tuesday 8th June

Finish for the summer holidays at the end of the day on Tuesday 20th July

Pupils return for the new Academic Year on Wednesday 8th September 2021

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