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Dear Families,

As we continue to navigate the Covid pandemic we will continue to reflect on our protocols and practice in school. School will only make changes to these after careful thought and consideration. Please see below for updates:

### Teaching Groups

Nursery will be taught as Nursery 1 or Nursery 2

Classes 1 and 2 will continue to be taught as a Reception Bubble of 60 children.

Classes 3-10 will continue to be taught as discrete classes of 30 children.

### Breaks

Two classes will play together in the yard as a single year group bubble during playtimes and lunchbreaks.

We hope to be able to re-establish key stage break times following the May half term break.

### Face Coverings

We respectfully ask that all adults continue to wear a face mask when entering the school grounds.

Whilst rates are lower at present, we are aware that many of our parents and staff have not been vaccinated as yet. In a bid to ensure that potential transmission is reduced, please wear a mask whilst on school premises.

Thank you for your support with this.

### Social Distancing

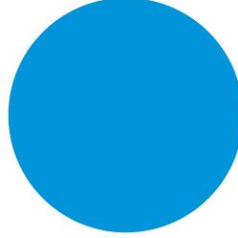
Whilst restrictions are lifted away from school, a key message is to still minimise the number of social contacts between yourself and others. As many of us will be hoping to spend time with family and friends away from the school, we kindly ask that all families socially distance on school premises and on the school runs both in the morning and at the end of the school day.

### Timings

Timings for the start and end of the school day are to remain the same until at least the end of this half term. We appreciate that some families are completing the loop around school twice (some even three times) but this is to prevent congested cloakrooms and corridors as well as larger number of families on the school premises all at once. Thank you for your understanding and for only coming to school at the allocated time. We hope to be able to review this for summer part 2.

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**Safety Measures May 2021**

We ask that all members of Archibald continue to adhere to our safety measures in a bid to keep our school community safe.

- To come onto the school site at any point in the school day a face covering **MUST** be worn.
- Only arrive at school at the allocated drop off / collection time
- Whilst waiting on the school site ensure sufficient social distancing at all times
- Adhere to the one-way system for every child
- **Only one adult must accompany the child or children onto the school site**
- All adults (am) and families (pm) must leave the site immediately. Please do not congregate in the alley after leaving the school site
- Please do not allow children to use the adventure playground, enter forest school or climb on school equipment. Parents remain responsible for younger siblings.
- A coned area will be marked around each entrance to school to demarcate a 2m zone for social distancing.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Turner  
Headteacher

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