Summary of Changes to COVID Guidance – April 2021

**Class Seating/Groupings**

* The teachers will begin to sit the pupils in consistent group tables (4-8 pupils) rather than partnered-rows, where it is felt that this will be of huge benefit to the class socially and educationally without a significant increase in risk. In addition, Reception and Year 1 classes may use these table groups to sit some pupils on the carpet during lesson introductions to support better listening and small group support. These seats will still remain consistent throughout the week with any changes happening over a weekend in order to still limit mixing within the class.

**Shared Resources**

* The table groups will also enable some limited sharing of resources such as in a collaborative science experiment or design technology project, thus enabling the school to provide a fuller range of curriculum opportunities. Again, this will enable more social interaction within a table group.

**Lockers/Pegs**

* Key Stage 2 lockers have been reorganised to ensure these can begin to be used in a manner that restricts crowding and close contact. The supervision of these areas by staff will also ensure that pupils are not in any close contact for more than a minute whilst putting their bags/coats away. This is necessary as there will be some increase in movement within the class and these items can create a trip hazard.

**Shared Learning Space**

* As the Year 5 / 6 complete the more detailed aspects of their Relationships and Sex Education and the Year 6 prepare for their transition to high school, there will be some shared use of the halls by two bubbles e.g. Year 6s in Elder and those in Juniper will share the Junior hall. However, these areas will be highly ventilated, with a 3m gap between the classes and dividing screens where this is not possible. At present, this will be the only potential mixing of class bubbles during the school day.

**Outside Interaction**

* During outside play, the staff will continue to advise no touching and distancing where it is felt pupils are congregating. However, as we are increasingly allowing sports, tag etc. total social distancing within a class bubble will not be enforced to enable more normal patterns of play. Before/after hand-sanatizing, daily cleaning of playing equipment and the separation of different bubbles will still remain in place. This approach will also be used with outside PE where groupings and teams will be more flexible to enable better teaching.

**After School Clubs**

* It is our aim to try and run outside clubs within the final half term of this year. These will involve a mixture of class bubbles but these will be kept apart with the sessions themselves based around class bubbles.

**Staff Moving Between Bubbles**

* The school was trying to ensure a 48-hour gap between any staff working with two bubbles. This will be reduced to a 24-hour gap with the additional protective measure of twice-weekly Lateral Flow Testing amongst the staff. The need to remain a 2m distance from the pupils will remain in place for these cover staff.

**Entry/Exits**

* Reception will begin to release at 3:05pm again to enable parents to move around the school to pick up siblings. We would again ask parents to stop arriving before 3:00pm to start lining up as this roadway is still needed for cars to access until this point.