

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We look forward to welcoming all children back to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

To support the re-opening of school for all pupils, it is vital that parents and carers follow the procedures within this letter.

### **Staggered arrival and collection times and entry and exit points**

It is vital that children arrive at school in the 5-minute window period and are not arriving early and waiting around. This reduces the number of people on site and gathering on paths. Please ensure these times are adhered to:

<b>Year group</b>	<b>Entry and exit point</b>	<b>Arrival</b>	<b>Finish</b>
Nursery	Car-park gates	8:45	3:15
Reception	Car-park gates	8:40 – 8:45	3:05
Year 1 and 2	Car-park gates	8:30 – 8:35	2:55
Year 3	Side gates by playing field	8:30 – 8:35	3:00
Year 4	Side gates by playing field	8:30 - 8:35	3:05
Year 5	Side gates by playing field	8:35 – 8:40	3:10
Year 6	Gate at front of school by zebra crossing	8:35 – 8:40	3:10

Children MUST arrive on time for school – it increases the risk if we have to walk late arrivals through the building.

### **Social Distancing**

It is your responsibility to ensure that you maintain a safe distance from others when waiting on the school grounds. When bringing and collecting children DO NOT enter the white crossed out areas in front of the classroom doors. Only ONE person should be bringing and collecting children from school. Please encourage your children to remain distant from other children not in their 'bubble'.

### **Face Coverings**

You will now see that an increasing number of school staff will be wearing face coverings when at the classroom door. Staff will be wearing these to reduce the risk to themselves and others. Most staff will not be wearing them in the classroom with their own class of children but might be when with larger groups or in communal areas. We are asking for all parents and carers to wear a face covering when bringing and collecting children from school.

## **Ventilation in school**

One of the key measures in school, alongside enhanced cleaning, handwashing and sanitising, is ensuring that the school building and all classrooms are well ventilated. This does mean that classrooms can be colder than the children are used to. Please ensure that children are wearing additional layers of clothing, we suggest either a t-shirt or vest under their school shirt, as well as a school jumper and if necessary, they can also wear an extra layer, such as a plain coloured fleece over their school uniform. Children must also bring a coat to school.

## **Communication with School staff**

All communication should be done via email, ClassDojo or phone – we ask that messages are not passed on face to face at the classroom door and that parents DO NOT come to the school office unless it is an emergency.

## **Lateral Flow testing**

All school staff now have access to twice weekly lateral flow tests to identify any asymptomatic cases within the staff. It has also been announced over the weekend that families with school age children can also access lateral flow testing twice per week, although I currently don't have any more information about this to pass on.

## **What happens if someone tests positive in our school community?**

If a child or member of staff tests positive, then we will follow the latest and most up to date guidance from Public Health England on isolation, this could result in staff and pupils having to isolate at home and a return to remote learning for some.

## **Laptops**

If you have borrowed a school laptop during this closure period then please return this to the class teacher on the first day back. (Please don't forget the power cable!)

## **School Meals**

Please book and pay for school meals in the usual way on ParentPay. Reminder: school meals must be booked by midnight Tuesday for the following week. If you miss the deadline for ordering you will need to provide a packed lunch.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

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