

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure that like us, many of you welcomed the Prime Minister's announcement that all pupils should return to school from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. We also see it as promising that a plan to exit the lockdown restrictions has been published and hopefully, within a few months, we can start to look forward to something resembling normal life.

### **Attendance**

From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March therefore, school attendance will be mandatory for pupils of compulsory school age. The usual rules on school attendance will apply.

As a reminder, your child should self-isolate and not come to school if they:

- Have coronavirus symptoms or have tested positive
- Live with someone who has symptoms or have tested positive
- Are a close contact of someone who has tested positive

In line with the latest government guidance, pupils who are **clinically extremely vulnerable should not attend school**. If your child is in this group, they should continue to learn from home until further notice.

For pupils who are self-isolating or shielding, we will continue to provide remote learning through google classroom or through paper packs/resources if this method better meets the needs of the child/family.

### **Our safety measures**

We anticipate great excitement over the next few weeks as children return and see their friends in person rather than over a computer screen. Nevertheless, I am conscious that some anxiety remains, both among children and adults. This remains a difficult time and we are all very aware that COVID-19 persists and continues to blight everyday life. We want to work with you to ease these concerns, if you are feeling this way please contact school as soon as possible so we can put some support in place.

We have revisited our risk assessment in preparation for full reopening and all our previous social distancing measures will remain in place. We will continue to minimise opportunities for transmission of the virus and know we can rely on the continued support from our community to ensure measures are followed.

Rest assured that we're doing everything we can to make sure our pupils can return to school as safely as possible. As before lockdown these are just some of the protective measures, we will be taking to keep everyone safe:

- Children will remain in smaller bubbles to limit contact with others

- Increased hand washing
- Staggered start and end times (reminders of this times will be shared through newsletters and text messages)
- Parents wearing face coverings and following the one-way system at drop off and collection time
- Supplementary cleaning routines carried out in school

Additionally:

- Staff members are now testing twice a week for COVID-19.

#### Reminders:

- The high expectation of correct uniform remains unchanged. No jewellery other than stud earrings should be worn. Please see our newsletters for further information
- All equipment will be provided by school. Pupils are only required to bring a PE kit, no other personal items, including toys, should be in school
- Drop off and collection times:

	Drop off Time	Collection Time
<b>Foundation Stage</b>	<b>8.50am-8.55am</b>	<b>2.50pm</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>8.40am-8.45am</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>
<b>Year 2,</b>	<b>8.45am-8.50am</b>	<b>3.00pm</b>
<b>Year 3 and Year 4</b>	<b>8.45am-8.50am</b>	<b>2.55pm</b>
<b>Year 5 and Year 6</b>	<b>8.35am-8.45am</b>	<b>2.50pm</b>

- All the same entrances and doors will be used as before Lockdown.
- Breakfast club is available from 7.50am. We ask that only those who truly need breakfast club attend. This will include pupils of key workers or free school meal families.
- **If you have a school Chromebook (computer) at home it must be returned to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.**

Lockdown has been a challenging period for all of us, and we'd like to thank you for your continuing support during this difficult and uncertain time. If you or your child have any questions about returning to school, or if you think your child might need extra support when they return, please get in touch.

We'd also like to thank you for all your support in helping your child learn from home. We are very much looking forward to seeing all the children back in classroom on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Kind regards,



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