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Dear Parents

Covid-19 Update 03.03.21 8 March Reopening Arrangements

The whole team is really excited about the return back to school next Monday. We have all desperately missed what is at the heart of all schools – children and adults working together. It is that togetherness, through playing, learning, discovering, talking and sharing – that will thankfully begin again next Monday.

Please find below updated information about the running of the school from the start of full reopening on Monday 8 March. I include recently announced information about primary household coronavirus testing.

Guiding Principles

I am acutely aware of the impact that school closure has had on children's well-being and education levels. To guide the school's recovery program so that we are able to maximise the benefits to our children, I am setting out the following principles for us to follow as a school:

1. Maintain as far as possible a **broad curriculum** which supports cultural capital acquisition for all. We will avoid narrowing the curriculum.
2. Increase opportunities for **social interaction and enriching experiences**. Children will not spend all day on intensive catch up programs.
3. Support pupil well-being through **low stakes teacher assessment** methods. We will avoid high stakes testing and use only where absolutely necessary.
4. Be open to **exploring working in different ways with technology**. We will not disregard what we have learnt from teaching through technology.

Our priorities are that every child returning to school is happy and has time to re-establish their friendships and social skills, whilst making good progress towards realising their educational potential.

As a team we have spent time considering the best approaches for each of our key stages and teachers have planned out a program of study accordingly:

We want to rapidly progress the social-communication skills and physical development of our Early Years and Year One children. Our older children will need support with their writing and reading comprehension skills. We want all children to spend more time learning, exercising and socialising outside.

As a team we are keen to integrate into school the many educational benefits that our successful remote learning program has delivered over recent weeks. This digital approach will evolve over time, complimenting other established pedagogies.

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Health and Safety

At a time of continued community transmission, we will maintain our focus on mitigating the coronavirus risk in school.

a. Testing

The government has announced this week that households with primary school aged children can test themselves twice every week at home as schools return from 8 March. Households will have access to regular rapid lateral flow testing available to them as schools reopen.

As of 1 March households can get a twice weekly test in the following ways:

- Through your employer
- At a local test site or by collection from a test site
- By ordering a home test kit online

You can order home test kits here: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>
Schools cannot provide families with test kits.

I would encourage all of our parents to take up this offer of testing, to help reduce the transmission risk within the school community.

Home testing by school staff is now established and we currently have 100% take up for staff working onsite. All staff returning to school have been offered home testing. Staff test twice weekly and post their results to NHS Track and Trace.

b. Infection Control

If your child is symptomatic, please keep them at home and book a PCR test. Home test kits should NOT be used in these circumstances.

If a child is symptomatic at school, we will ask that they are collected immediately from school and you should book a PCR test. Siblings will also be sent home to self-isolate.

In circumstances where a member of your household is symptomatic, the whole household should self-isolate until a PCR test result is known. Do not send your child to school if any member of your household is symptomatic or they have tested positive for coronavirus.

c. Physical Distancing

Classes will be organised into bubbles and will not be allowed to mix.

Class teaching assistants are attached to their class bubble and will not work between or enter another class bubble.

Subject specialist teachers in PE, PSHE and Spanish will not move between bubbles and have been allocated other duties. These subjects will now be taught by class teachers with the support of our subject specialists.

Some staff (intervention and well-being) will be required to work with children from different bubbles and will therefore be required to keep 2m distance at all times.

Staff are advised to keep their distance from pupils and other staff as much as they can, ideally 2 metres from other adults.

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Children will be encouraged to maintain distance and not touch staff and their peers. This will not always be possible for our youngest children (Reception and Y1).

In Years 2-6 pupils will be seated side by side and facing forwards.

In Years Reception and Year 1, DfE have advised that it is acceptable for children not to distance within their bubble. Table groups will be used within these classrooms.

Break-times and PE times have been timetabled to ensure bubbles do not mix outside.

Staggered start and end times along with staggered breaks and lunch allow for bubbles to be kept apart.

d. Transmission Prevention

Classrooms will be kept ventilated; open windows and doors wherever possible.

The 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach will continue in classrooms.

Pupils will clean their hands thoroughly, with sanitiser or soap, at the following times:

- When they arrive at school
- When they return from breaks
- When they change rooms
- Before and after eating

Face coverings will be worn by all adults in areas outside of the classroom (e.g. corridors, staffroom)
Children in primary school are not required to wear a face covering.

Dropping Off and Collection Arrangements

If a member of your household has symptoms of coronavirus – high temperature, persistent new cough, change to sense of smell or taste – do not send your child into school. Contact the school to inform us of your child's absence and immediately arrange to have a PCR test.

Only **ONE** parent per child is permitted on site at a time.

We are operating our previous staggered start and finish system. Due to the 15 minute intervals between drop offs and collections, it is essential that parents arrive on time and promptly leave the school site, to keep numbers on the playground to a minimum. Please also do not gather in groups outside of the school gates.

We ask parents to socially distance at all times whilst onsite and wear a face covering, in-line with current government guidance.

Children should not bring in items from home except for a reading book, mobile, stationery, packed lunch, water bottle and coat/hat/gloves. These items may be brought to school in a bag. No other items should be brought into school at this time to minimise the spread of the virus.

We encourage children to either walk or cycle to school and our bike racks will be in use.

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Class	Arrival at school		Departure from school	
Year 6 Mrs Mathew & Miss Wells	9:15 am	Drop & Go to playground. Children make their own way to class line up. Parents to leave site via designated route.	3:10 pm	Parent to collect from playground 'line up' door
Year 5 Mrs Totterdale & Mrs Curtis	9:00 am		2:55 pm	
Year 4 Miss Lavender & Mr Jones	8:45 am		2:40 pm	
Year 3 Miss Hughes & Mrs Major/ Mrs Heritage	8:30 am		2: 25pm	
Year 2 Miss Collins & Miss Tilly	9:00 am		2:55 pm	Parent to collect from playground
Year 1 Mr Gardner & Mrs White	8:45 am		2:40 pm	
Reception Miss Watson & Mrs Hughston/ Sullywood	8: 30 am	Parent to drop to classroom door	2:25 pm	Parent to collect from classroom door

If parents consider it safe to do so, children in Year 4-6 are permitted to walk to and from school un-attended by an adult. KS2 parent arrangements apply to those parents choosing to accompany their child to school. It is not a requirement to accompany a child into school in Year 4-6.

All children in Reception – Year 3 should be accompanied by one parent to and from school.

If you have siblings at the school:

All children can arrive at school at the earliest time. This will be from 8.30am.

All children can be collected from school at the latest time. This will be 3:10pm.

These arrangements only apply to children with siblings, to help parents with staggered timings.

PE

Children should wear school uniform but on their PE days they should wear weather appropriate PE kit to school. This includes a tracksuit when the weather is cold.

Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
WED	FRI	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI

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School Lunches

School lunch service will resume from 8 March. Please book your school lunch online as usual. Booking is now open.

After School Club and Breakfast Club

Given that so many of our parents depend on these services to be able to resume work and the large majority are from keyworker families, I have decided that both After School Club and Breakfast Club will restart from Monday 8 March.

Mrs Sally Brown will lead Breakfast Club until further notice, due to staff shielding arrangements.

ASC will be run in 4 separate age related bubbles in their own dedicated areas, with their own leaders. Children will not mix across ASC bubbles.

Breakfast club will be run in a similar way, using the same age-related bubbles.

Booking for both Breakfast and After school clubs is now open.

I hope that this information has been useful and I will write again before the end of term to update parents on the progress that we have made towards settling children back into school and our plans for the summer term.

Kind regards



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