

Tuesday 2nd March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: School re-opening

We are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 8th March.

There will be a number of measures to keep everyone as safe as possible, many of which were already in place during the autumn term. The key arrangements that parents and carers need to be aware of are:

Staff Testing

We have introduced twice-weekly Covid19 testing of staff across the school.

Covid Symptoms

If your child displays any of the Covid symptoms (continuous cough, fever, loss of taste or smell), please do not send them (or any of their siblings) in to school and call the school office to inform us.

We will take children's temperatures at the start of the day. If your child displays these symptoms while at school, we will contact you and ask you to take your child home, isolate for 10 days and arrange a Covid test.

If any of the children or staff (or a member of their household) tests positive, we will notify all parents of children in that bubble and ask them to isolate for 10 days and arrange a Covid test.

Year Group Bubbles

Children and staff will be kept in their class groups most of the time, but on occasion will mix with other children and staff in the same year group. Year group bubbles will generally not mix with other year group bubbles unless there is a significant social distance between them. Where staff need to move between year group bubbles, they will maintain social distancing and use PPE when appropriate.

Soft Start and End to the day

We will have a soft start and soft end to the day allowing parents to drop off and collect their children at any point during a 15 minute window rather than at a specific time. This is to avoid large groups gathering at the same time. Soft start will be from 8.45am to 9am. Soft end will be 3pm to 3.15pm. All of the gates will be open for the soft start and soft end. Children should go straight to their classroom via the playground in the morning and can be collected from their classroom at home time. Parents should wear face masks when on the school premises unless they are medically exempt from doing so and maintain social distancing. Please do not gather at the school entrances at the start and end of the day.

Equipment

Pupils should come to school in their uniform with a book bag and bottle of water. No other equipment is needed as we will be providing all the necessary learning equipment such as pencils, pens and rulers. Although it is not a requirement in primary schools, if you would like your child to wear PPE, then please send them in to school with this. On the days your child has PE, they should come in to school wearing their PE kit and will stay in those clothes all day to avoid getting changed in and out of uniform. PE days will be the same as the autumn term.



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Hygiene

We will continue to follow good hygiene procedures such as regular handwashing and cleaning.

Classroom layout

Pupils will be sitting side by side at desks facing the front of the class.

Curriculum

During the remainder of the Spring term children will spend time getting back into school routines and used to the changes we have made.

Maths and English lessons will continue during the mornings and the afternoons will focus on well being, social interaction, physical and creative lessons

Breaks and Lunch times

Children will have staggered break and lunch times in their year groups. Parents can send their child in to school with a packed lunch or order lunch from our catering company, The Pantry through their website.

Clubs

There will be no after school clubs this term. Due to the very low numbers of pupils that were attending breakfast club last term, we will no longer be running this.

Trips

There will be no school trips during this term.

School Office

Parents will not be able to enter the school office unless they have arranged an appointment. Instead, please call or email using the details at the top of this page.

Communication with teachers

Please email any questions you have for teachers to the class email accounts and teachers will respond within a few days.

We look forward to welcoming you and the children back on Monday 8th March.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Sunner
Executive Head Teacher

Mr J Downs
Head of Schools