

1 March 2021

Dear Families

School from 8th March will be very similar to what it looked like in September; children will return in their class/year bubbles with handwashing and social distancing maintained whenever possible. We will follow the same risk assessment and recommended control measures to work towards maintaining a safe environment for everyone. In addition to last time, all staff are now taking a 'Lateral Flow Device' test twice a week. This will help to identify any staff members who may be positive for Covid-19. If an adult tests positive, although asymptomatic, the bubble (the whole year group) will need to isolate for 10 days. Remote learning will then be re-established.

As a school community, we have been extremely fortunate in being able to remain fully open this last year without having to close any bubbles - thanks to everyone playing their part and following our rigorous procedures. We are very grateful to all our families for keeping us informed and taking all precautions when necessary. As last time, our aim is to keep our school open for every class, every day. Our measures will be reviewed before Easter when we will consider lifting some measures such as breakfast club and staggered times. Up until this point, please follow the attached timetable. As much as we want all of our children back, going back to a full class of up to 30 children is a difficult prospect for some staff members. To support staff confidence, following the staggered times, maintaining social distance outside the school gates and wearing a face covering would support us enormously. Please do not gather outside the school or arrive before your time so we can maintain class bubbles. **Please note the entry/exit changes and times for Reception (EYFS), Yr1, 2 and 3 have changed.**

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE STAGGERED TIMES MARCH 2021

Key Stage 2

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Arrival Time – Monday-Friday	08:30	08:40	08:50	09:00
Entrance and Exit	Hall side entrance	Main Playground to Red Door		
Collection Time – Monday-Thursday	14:45	14:55	15:05	15:10
Collection Time – Friday	12:40	12:50	13:00	13:10

Key Stage 1

	EYFS+Year 1 – Miss Horne	Year 1+Year 2 – Miss Peters
Arrival Time – Monday-Friday	08:30	08:50
Entrance and Exit	Atrium Door	Hall side entrance
Collection Time – Monday-Thursday	14:45	15:05
Collection Time – Friday	12:40	13:00

Hygiene and control measures

As in September, children will wash or sanitise hands on entry to school, before and after eating, and before and after playtimes. If children have their own sanitizers, they are fine to use them in school. Rooms will be ventilated with windows and doors opened. Children and adults will stay in their bubbles, and staff will wear masks in corridors and refrain from using the staff room for anything other than making a drink or preparing food. Staff will also wear masks at the start and end of day.

Staggered start and end of the day.

Children will be welcomed from 8.30 to 9.00. They will be collected between 2.45 and 3.10. We have tried to keep times the same where possible. A form has previously been filled in as to who has been given permission to collect your children, and if walking, what time to leave school. If this has changed, please contact the office.

We are asking all family members to continue to wear masks on school site, maintain social distancing and not to gather outside the grounds. Please try to limit the amount of people who pick up your children – only one adult should enter school grounds - we are still in a National Lockdown. **The school gates open at 8.30, and again at 2.45. Please do not come before this time.**

Uniform

We acknowledge that your children will have grown considerably and that it can be tricky to purchase new uniform right now if your child is in between sizes. In the first instance, **up until Easter**, we will relax the school uniform slightly to support families. As we plan on having the children outdoors and active every day - **school trousers/ black leggings or black jogging bottoms can be worn with trainers or old school shoes if they still fit.** White polo shirts still need to be worn and a red jumper/fleece. Please ensure your child returns with a warm top as the building continues to be cold.

PE kits will be worn for extended PE lessons and your class teacher will inform you of the day that full kit can be worn to school.

If you have specific concerns regarding uniforms, then please contact us.

Laptops

If a laptop/Chromebook has been loaned from the school, this will need to be returned to the school office in the week beginning the 8th March by an adult. We can then cross-reference with the loan agreements, which have been signed.

Playtimes and Lunchtimes

Playtimes and Lunchtimes will resume as we were in the Autumn Term. Playtimes and lunchtime breaks will be staggered, allowing children more space in the playground and be supervised by support staff within the year group bubble.

EYFS/Year 1/Year 2 will continue to have their lunch in the hall (full hot menu available). Support staff from the year group bubble will serve the children and take the plates away. Children will continue to sit with their peers until all are finished. The tables and seats are wiped down between year group sittings. Years 3-6 will continue to eat in their classrooms and hopefully outdoors on warm days. If your child is having a school lunch,

please book via Parent Pay in the usual way. If you are having issues using Parent Pay or are unable to book lunches, contact the school office as soon as possible.

Before /After School Provision

This will be reviewed before Easter. Our aim is to maintain class bubbles in the first instance and monitor cases in the local area.

Clubs for the summer term will be reviewed as the 'roadmap' develops and as always, we take advice as to what is possible within the covid restrictions.

Covid measures

Children, staff and other adults must not come into the school if:

- they have one or more coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
- a member of their household (including someone in their support bubble or childcare bubble if they have one) has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
- they have had a positive test

They must immediately cease to attend school and not attend for at least 10 days from the day after:

- the start of their symptoms
- the test date if they did not have any symptoms but have had a positive test (whether this was a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test)

Please remember to inform the school office.

We all can't wait for the school being a busy and exciting place once again. The hard work and commitment you have all shown over the last 6 weeks has been incredible – it will make such a difference when we continue the learning in school on 8th March.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any worries or questions about the return. Please ensure the school holds all the correct data for your family – including three emergency contacts and any changes to your phone numbers or address.

With best wishes

Susannah Storey
Headteacher