



Friday 26th February 2021

Dear Families,

We want to start by thanking you for your support through the lockdown. You have made remote learning possible and successful through working with your children in a variety of ways and enabling our work. We are very grateful for that.

In his Monday speech, the Prime Minister outlined plans for all primary children, in all year groups, to return to school full time from Monday 8th March. The government have based their decision on the vaccination of the most vulnerable people and the scientific evidence that they have developed some immunity from the virus.

Although we will be opening the school to all children, there will still be risks while coronavirus remains in the community that is why we will continue with the range of protective measures that were in place before the lockdown. The school has carried out a health and safety risk assessment as part of planning for the return of all pupils.

School attendance will be **mandatory** for all pupils from Monday 8th March. In order to effectively manage the risks that remain, we will all need to continue to follow the guidelines. A small number of pupils may still be unable to attend in line with public health advice because they are self-isolating and have had symptoms or a positive test result themselves, or because they are a close contact of someone who has coronavirus (COVID-19). If your child is unable to attend school for this reason the school will provide remote education using google classroom.

To support the school, we are asking parents to:

- ensure that anyone who has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or has someone in their household who does, does not attend school - this means if your child, or someone in your household has symptoms, you should **not** send your child to school
- engage with the NHS Test and Trace process so that cases can be identified, and action taken - this means if your child develops symptoms, you should arrange for them to get a test and you should inform the school of the results of that test
- ensure that children do not bring in any unnecessary items from home such as bags or bottles etc

The school will ensure we:

- manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the school, in line with current public health guidance - this means your child may be asked to self-isolate for 10 days (based on advice from their local health protection teams) if they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for the virus
- ensure everyone at school cleans their hands more often than usual, including when they arrive at school, when they return from breaks, and before and after eating - this will be done with soap and running water or hand sanitiser
- ensure good respiratory hygiene, by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- enhance cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces more often
- minimise contact and maintain distance, as far as possible. This will involve children staying within specified class bubbles, and through maintaining distance between individuals. The government's guidance to schools recognises that younger children may not be able to maintain social distancing at all times.

Drop off and collection arrangements

- The school will continue with staggered start and end times. These have changed and are listed below.
- It is a one-way collection system for the end of day. Please queue with social distancing as directed.
- All parents / carers collecting will be asked to wear a face covering and only 1 adult should come on to site.
- Siblings should be collected at **3:25pm from their usual gate**.

Year group	Drop off time	Drop off location	Pick up time	Pick up location
Nursery - AM	8:40am	Nursery Gate	11:40am	Nursery Gate
Nursery – PM	12:10pm	Nursery Gate	3:10pm	Nursery Gate
Reception	8:50am	Nursery Gate	3:25pm	Nursery Gate
Year 1	8:40am	Sports Pitch Gate	3:10pm	Playground Gate
Year 2	8:40am	Playground Gate	3:10pm	Playground Gate
Year 3	8:40am	Playground Gate	3:10pm	Playground Gate
Year 4	8:50am	Playground Gate	3:25pm	Playground Gate
Year 5	8:50am	Sports Pitch Gate	3:25pm	Playground Gate
Year 6	8:50am	Playground Gate	3:25pm	Playground Gate

Breakfast Club and After School Care

- We have limited spaces for Breakfast Club and After School Care which will begin again from Monday 8th March. Children will be placed in year group bubbles and social distancing will be in place.
- All places need to be booked – there are no drop in places available. If you wish to apply, please complete a Breakfast Club and/or After School club application form via Google Forms even if your child was or has been attending this year.
- Applications will open from Monday 1st March and close on Thursday 4th March and links will be sent out on Monday.

We want to reiterate our gratitude for your continued support at this very critical time for everyone. We recognise and appreciate the contribution that you have made as parents and we look forward to seeing everyone soon.

We are so looking forward to seeing all of you back with us from Monday 8th March.

Best wishes,



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Headteacher



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Deputy Headteacher