

Thursday 25th February,

Return to School Arrangements

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am really looking forward to welcoming you all back into school on Monday 8th March. The last couple of months have been very challenging for us all and I want to thank you for your patience, and for all your efforts to ensure your child has been able to continue with their learning. This letter is just to let you know the arrangements that we have put in place; to make sure that school continues to be as safe as possible, for all our children, parents and staff.

Children will continue to learn and move around the school in bubbles and won't be having close contact with children in any other bubble. Staff will self-test twice weekly and they will wear face masks in school when social distancing from other adults is not possible e.g. in corridor areas. Adults will not wear masks in the classrooms when working with their bubbles and children do not need to wear face coverings in school.

Although Covid rates in our area have dropped significantly, please continue to be vigilant. If your child or a family member are showing any of the possible Covid symptoms e.g. new, persistent cough, high temperature or loss of taste/smell, your child should not attend school. More information can be found at:
<https://111.nhs.uk/service/COVID-19>

Start/End of the Day:

To minimise the number of people on the school site we will continue to have a staggered start and end to the day. Each year group has a ten minute drop off window and we ask you to drop off throughout this time so that we don't have thirty parents and children arriving at once. Please check the times carefully as some have changed.

Unfortunately, children will not be able to come into school early as there is a risk they may mix with other classes. Please ensure that older children do not arrive at school early to wait in the playground. If you have children in different year groups, please use the ten minute window whenever possible so that you are not having to wait on the playground. We also ask that all parents/carers wear a face covering whilst on the school grounds.

Please do not stay and chat to other parents before or after school as it is important that we keep the class bubbles separate at these busy times. We ask that while you are waiting you ensure you remain socially distanced from others and ensure footpaths for other parents and members of the public are kept clear. Please also try and avoid children mixing with children in other bubbles outside school e.g. at JJs park.

Year Group	Start time	Collection Time	Gate	Entrance
Reception	8.30-8.40 am	3.00 pm	Main gate	Reception gate
Year 1	8.30-8.40 am	3.00 pm	Bottom gate	KS1 door
Year 2	8.45- 8.55 am	3.15 pm	Bottom gate	Front door
Year 3	8.40-8.50 am	3.10 pm	Bottom gate	KS2 door
Year 4	8.30 -8.40 am	3.00 pm	Front slope	Year 4 door
Year 5	8.40-8.50 am	3.10 pm	Front slope	Year 5 door
Year 6	8.45-8.55 am	3.15 pm	Front slope	Year 6 door

Class groupings

- Children will be taught in their year group and each class will not mix with any other children in school.
- The adults who work with the class will remain the same each week.

- We will not be holding assemblies, productions or any other events where larger groups meet until the guidance changes. Children will still be awarded certificates on Fridays but we will celebrate their achievements via our Facebook page and newsletters.

Hygiene Measures

Increased hygiene measures will continue:

- All Children will wash their hands on entry to school and throughout the day.
- Additional cleaning will take place during the day, including toilets, and classrooms. This includes the emptying of classroom bins in the middle of the day.

Equipment

- Children will have named stationery packs for their use. These will not be shared.
- Cloakroom areas will not be used and instead, children will be asked to hang their coats on the back of their chairs. Please only send coats to school when needed.
- Children should not bring toys, equipment or bags to school. KS1 and year 3 children may bring a book bag with their reading book and reading record in.
- Please ensure that all jumpers, coats etc. are named. This is vital.
- Please ensure your child brings their own, named water bottle to school each day. This should only contain water and can be refilled throughout the day.

Uniform

- Children need to wear school shoes/ trainers in term 4 that are suitable for taking part in sport. These do not need to be black however, trainers with high soles are not suitable for school.
- Children will not need to bring a PE kit into school, instead on days when the class have PE we ask that children wear dark grey/black tracksuit bottoms or p.e. shorts to school, together with their school T shirt and jumper.

Early Bird Club

We are able to offer Early Bird Club (including breakfast) to any parents who need this provision in order to work. All Early Bird spaces must be booked with the school office and paid for in advance via Parentpay. Under the current guidelines, we are not able to accept children on an 'as and when' basis.

Parent consultations

In order for us to give you the most accurate information about how your child is doing in school, we will be holding parent consultations in May this year. If you have any concerns about your child's learning in the meantime, please contact your child's class teacher.

If you would like any more information, our risk assessment can be found on our website. If you have any questions please contact the school office by phone or email.

I look forward to seeing you all on 8th March.

Yours sincerely,



Becky Reed
Headteacher