

This letter replaces any previous opening guidance or arrangements sent out last week, as my previous guidance incorrectly stated all reception children were returning. We apologise for this error.



Dear Parents and Carers

We expect over the next two weeks as vaccines increase and the lockdown restrictions have a positive impact, that school will be a safer place to be. With that in mind we have risk assessed the opening of nursery.

We are pleased to say that we will be opening our Nursery Classes (Mae C Jameson AM, PM & 30 hours children) on **Monday 22nd February 2021.**



We welcome all our nursery children back in school from this day.

We will be opening the classes for our usual times

Nursery AM 8.45am -11.30am

Nursery PM 12.15pm – 3.00pm

All reception classes will be open full time for any child;

- who has at least one parent as a key worker
- or who may have difficulty engaging with remote education at home (for example due to a lack of computer devices or quiet space to study)
- or where it is felt a child is vulnerable

We now have increased capacity for staffing and these children will be taught in bubbles of just reception children, with their usual staff. We will be providing all lunches free of charge,



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as per Universal Free School Meals. We ask that children do not bring anything into school except their coats and a book bag with their book and home school diary in.

Any children in other year groups who do not have a place in a bubble and you feel they need one, based on the above criteria, please contact me and we will be booking extra places from Monday 22nd February.

There are still limited places in other year groups, as the teachers are still teaching the children remotely, so children may only turn up in year groups 1 to 6 if you have written confirmation of a place, or your child had a place before half term.

Children will be expected in full uniform. However, if they have grown out of jumpers, or school shoes, we are flexible if you need time to buy new ones and understand if this may not be the first day back.

Please email me with any questions or comments about reopening. Email address: Jacqueline.Sainsbury@theflorence.academy. No question is too small, I am happy to talk to you.

We will be keeping within our COVID prevention arrangements and any further changes the government puts in place. We are still under a lockdown and therefore if your child does not fall into a key worker group, or you do not feel they are vulnerable then we request they still work from home until the government makes further announcements.

Children need to enter school using the one way system, and all adults wearing face masks.

Hopefully from 8th March we can start bringing more children back.

Thank you for everything you have done during this tricky lockdown. You really are the best community and we love working in partnership with you all.

My best wishes

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