

ALL CHILDREN BACK ON MONDAY 8TH MARCH



2nd March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a few months we have had and, finally, as Captain Tom said, the sun will shine again, and the clouds will go away. Hopefully, we are seeing this now.

Next Monday school will fully reopen for all our children. Our priorities will be to make the children feel safe and ensure they are happy and ready to learn, to reset our high expectations for behaviour, this is extremely important to get the best learning for all children, and to assess where the children are in their learning and plan a recovery curriculum.

We have every confidence the children will settle into school and will make accelerated progress. Our teachers are very skilled in plugging gaps and identifying what every child needs, to ensure they are prepared for the next stages.

Wrap around care for working parents will begin again in the week of the 15th March and details of this will go onto the website next week.

Some after school activities will begin after Easter and details will be sent out nearer the time.

We expect full school uniform to be worn including school shoes and ties. If your children have grown out of any items and you are finding this difficult, just let us know when you are able to replace these items. We understand that this may be tricky straight away. We have nearly new school uniform items we can help out with.

SCHOOL DINNERS continue to be sandwich pack-ups, until after Easter. If you do not have a free school meal in key stage 2, you can either bring a packed lunch or pay £2.30 per day on the My Child at School app for dinners.

Years 1 and 2 and Foundation stage have a free meal provided by the government and **sandwich boxes cannot be brought into school**. This is the same arrangement as December when we were last in school.



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You MUST have an up to date contact and you MUST be available to collect your child immediately if they show any symptoms of COVID, or have to self-isolate. If you are at work, you MUST have an adult ready to collect them.

As I send this letter, I continue to thank parents and families for their hard work through this tricky time. I also want us to show our appreciation to the school staff who have worked long hours preparing and monitoring remote learning, keeping the school open for some children, and keeping in touch with our families. They are excited about teaching in the classroom again and seeing their children.

If we have any parents or carers who are feeling isolated or lonely, please contact us. We have lots of staff who can have a chat, a cup of tea in a safe distanced part of school etc., the wellbeing of our children and families is priority.

Monday: coming in and out of school are the same arrangements we had before. Gates open at 8.40am and 3.10pm.

- masks on for all adults
- one-way systems
- reception not open, contact via email or phone
- gates locked promptly
- everyone socially distanced
- children to walk with parents

The one change we are making based on parent feedback and changes to the risks, is that if you have a Y5 or Y6 child you wish to walk to and from school alone, then you can do this once you have informed the school in writing. They are not allowed to walk in groups and must socially distance and follow COVID rules.

Please email if you have any questions or feedback.

Welcome back on M O N D A Y and please continue the COVID rules so that we do not need another lockdown. Your children should not be mixing with other people until the next set of rules change.

Many thanks

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