

Dear Parents,

Firstly, I want to start by thanking you again for the support and encouragement you have given us over the past few weeks. We are really pleased that all children will be able to attend school once again from 8<sup>th</sup> March. We have been really pleased with how the children have responded to their learning at home and at school but having them altogether will be much easier for everybody.

However, I am still concerned that school staff have not been offered vaccinations, so I need your support to keep them safe while they continue to prioritise learning and care of the children. I need you to follow the rules that are there for safety and make sure that our bubbles can stay as tight as possible. We will be keeping things tight in school until the end of term, during which time more of the population will be vaccinated, as we have children in school whose parents are shielding.

As a school we have many strategies in place to keep us as safe as possible and keep groups clear. However, it breaks down if we are then told by children that they all meet up at the park, or with friends from other classes, go around to their houses etc (support bubbles excepted). Please think about the impact of actions that are not allowed by the lockdown rules. I do not want to have to send classes home after a couple of days because of something that could have been prevented.

I apologise if I am repeating things you already know but it is better to have it all in one place and state the obvious as well.

- 1) We will be keeping our staggered starts and finishes, with the younger children arriving with older siblings. However, we will open our bubbles at 8am and children can stay in school till 4.30pm as before, if childcare is needed. Pre-school will be providing care until 5.30 - you will be booked and charged by them.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Drop Off</u>	<u>Collection</u>
Year 6	8.20am	4.00pm
Year 5	8.20am	3.55pm
Year 4	8.30am	3.50pm
Year 3	8.30am	3.45pm
Year 2	8.35am	3.40pm
Year 1	8.40am	3.35pm
Reception	8.45am	3.30pm

- 2) The car parking arrangements will be in place as before, so please follow staff directions. A few residents, delivery drivers and unfortunately a few parents, caused upset and created issues for staff who, as you know, are outside in all weathers keeping the village moving and everybody safe. However almost all parents and residents have been particularly appreciative of the systems in place.
- 3) Until Easter we are asking parents to think carefully about how many other bubbles their children are part of outside school and to make sure that the appropriate systems are in place if they do attend clubs involving other organisations.

- 4) We would like all parents to inform us immediately if they have been asked to isolate through track and trace, or their child or member of family has symptoms. This is really important. If in doubt at any time, book a test for your child or anyone in family. Results come back quickly, and the child can return immediately a negative test result is received.
- 5) During any period of isolation, google classroom learning will be live and we know children can join in at home so there will not be gaps in learning. A positive test in school means we take immediate advice in relation to sending children/staff home depending on contacts and timing etc. You would receive an email and text should that occur at any point.
- 6) Children will return in school uniform - school sweatshirts and fleeces as an additional layer. If a heatwave comes then we will review! However, ventilation is still key and windows will be open, so layers are important.
- 7) School dinners will be served as normal and we have agreed to continue with the current menu until the end of term. Lunches will be charged through parentpay at a cost of £2.34. Packed lunches can be brought in . KS1 children are entitled to a free dinner along with anybody in KS2 who has applied for free school dinners due to entitlement.
- 8) Children must bring in a normal size pencil case with their pencils and pens in.
- 9) Books need to come in a bookbag that they keep with them in most rooms. Reading records and any other items that go between home and school should be kept in this.
- 10) Large metal water bottles that could cause an injury to others if they fall from locker etc, should be avoided due to safety.
- 11) PE kits should be brought in and put in lockers daily - it has proved more difficult when they are muddy with no change of clothes.
- 12) Children will need to wash hands on entry after sessions, breaks etc and there will be times when sanitiser will be used to avoid queues.
- 13) There will be the same one-way system that we have been using, so if you are walking we ask you to wear masks and maintain social distance at all times.
- 14) As before every room has a bin for tissues and children will be reminded to catch it and bin it to prevent any spread of coughs and colds as well as preventing Covid.
- 15) The surfaces are cleaned after each session and every room has its own cleaning bucket with equipment staff are all involved in this.
- 16) Trish still has additional hours for lunchtime cleaning as well, so the toilets will be cleaned at this stage as well as handrails and other surfaces and door handles.
- 17) We are working on the timetable and have some theme days and weeks planned - this will be shared with you shortly. However, we will definitely be having an enriched curriculum while maintaining limited contact with other class bubbles.
- 18) Google classroom work will happen in school as well, so all chrome books on loan need to be signed back in so all children will have access in school. We will have some laptops we will be able to lend out for home use.

Regards

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