

Wednesday 24th February 2021



Dear Parent/Carer

As you will be aware, the Prime Minister has now announced that all schools will reopen to **all** pupils on the 8th March 2021. This is great news and we are excited to get all the children back in school and hopefully this will be one of the first big steps back to normality. We hope that the vaccine rollout will continue to be successful and this will prevent any further necessary lockdown in the future. That being said, we know that we are not quite at that point and it is vital that we maintain safety standards in school to continue to protect our children, staff, families and community. We have the guidance from the DFE which outlines what measures Primary Schools should continue to take and I have now been through this carefully.

In line with the guidance, I have updated the school Covid Risk Assessment and shared this with staff so that they are aware of any changes. In reality, school is going to look much the same as it did back in September when we reopened to all pupils. I appreciate that this was a while ago and so I am sending the information to you as a reminder of start and end times, where to line up, etc.

Attendance will be mandatory from 8th March 2021, so all children will be expected to be back in school from this date. If you have any reservations about returning your child to school, please do contact us prior to this time, so that we can work with you to address any issues.

	Start	End
Nursery	12.15pm	3.15pm
Reception	9am Reception entrance	3.20pm Reception exit
Year 1	8.50am Line up under hall on designated spots	3.10pm Under hall
Year 2	8.50am Line up on spots in Reception play area, enter through Reception Door	3.10pm Football cage
Year 3	8.50am Straight into Nursery or Outside Classroom – teachers will greet you	3.10pm Under hall
Year 4	8.50am Line up under hall (spots)	3.10pm Back of hall
Year 5	8.50am Line up in main playground at the side of the 'new' temporary classroom.	3.10pm Side of temporary classroom
Year 6	8.15am Line up at front of school. Use spots outside portacabin in addition to those at front. Children enter through the main entrance	3pm Leave by the main entrance

Kind Regards
Andrea Grist



What safety measures will be in place?

The Government accepts that young children may not be able to socially distance. Where possible, we will encourage children that are able, to do so. For all children, the additional measures set out below are additional measures that we will take to minimise the risk of spreading the virus, should it be brought to school.

- Children will remain throughout the day in their **class** bubbles.
- Playtimes and lunchtimes will be staggered so that bubbles do not mix.
- Some children will eat their lunch in the dining room and others will be in the classroom.
- Communal spaces will be cleaned before being used by another bubble.
- Toilet trips and regular handwashing will be carefully managed to ensure separate groups of children do not come into contact with each other.
- School will be well ventilated at all times.

What might learning look like?

- Your child's classroom will be minimally furnished with no soft toys or soft furnishings. Toys or equipment that are difficult to clean after each use, will also be removed.
- Children will sit in rows where possible and work side by side rather than in groups facing each other.
- All children will have their own set of 'regular use' equipment eg. Pens, pencils, ruler, etc
- Your child's timetable might be different. We are trying to cover as much of the curriculum as possible, however, the DFE has laid out specific areas of the curriculum that they would like schools to prioritise so that children catch up on any missed learning in the core areas. Some subjects, such as singing, music and PE will have to be adapted to ensure that potential spread of the virus is minimised.
- For the time being educational visits will not be able to take place.

Start and end of day

- There will be two different start times in the morning and two pick up times at the end of the day. You will be told which ones are yours and which entrance point to go to.
- Only one adult must accompany your child to school.
- Adults will not be allowed into the building.
- For lunch, a full menu will be available from the dining room or children can bring a packed lunch in a lunchbox or disposable packaging.
- Children should not bring book bags for the time being. New books will be sent out on Mondays and should be returned on Fridays to be quarantined over the weekend.
- Please could PE kits come into school on DAY 2 – just so that the children do not have too much to carry on the first day. They will need to get back into the routine of washing hands and socially distancing, so this will be the main priority on DAY 1.

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PPE

- **All adults** entering the playground will be required to wear a face covering (unless they are exempt).
- School staff will wear a face covering at all times, although this will always be a transparent covering when working with children.
- Adults will wear full PPE when giving First Aid, for intimate care of young children or for supervising children who have become unwell.
- The Government are clear that primary aged children should not wear face coverings in school.

Suspected and confirmed cases of Coronavirus

- In the event of a child or adult within your child's group falling ill with virus like symptoms, they will go home immediately and be required to have a test.
- In the event of a confirmed case within the class, the school will seek advice from Public Health England and follow the advice that is given about which pupils and adults need to isolate. If your child's bubble is closed, remote learning will be provided.

The following measures will also be in place to minimise risk

- Regular handwashing throughout the day
- Regular cleaning of all occupied areas and equipment
- Immediate isolation of anyone displaying symptoms
- 2m line markers on corridors and floors throughout school, to remind children about social distancing.
- Increased use of different entrances to prevent pupil contact across different groups.
- Lateral Flow testing 2 x weekly for all adults working in school reduce the risk of an asymptomatic adult bringing the virus into school.