



24<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents,

Are you as excited as we are? Is Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March marked on your calendar?

There is a definite buzz of excitement in school amongst the staff now that we know we will be welcoming the children back to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March! We are all looking forward to seeing them and having busy, lively classrooms again.

### **Welcome back**

Staff have already begun to think about how we can help the children to settle back into school life so that they are ready to learn in a classroom environment. As we did in September, there will be a focus on PSHE, particularly during the first week.

### **Learning**

When the children come back, we are keen to use the four weeks before the Easter holiday to identify any gaps in learning and begin to address them. In order to do this we will focus on PSHE, Maths and English. Our afternoons will have a topic theme so the children do not feel like all they are doing is English and Maths! Staff will include short breaks, squash and the odd biscuit to make these as fun and special as possible!

### **Forest School**

We will have whole school Forest School sessions during this four-week period.

**At Long Lane Forest School will happen on a Wednesday afternoon** – remember to bring your kit and be prepared for all weathers.

**At Marston Forest School will happen on a Friday afternoon** – remember to bring your kit and be prepared for all weathers.

### **P.E.**

In addition, the children will, of course, participate in weekly PE lessons. Due to the fact that PE will now be on the same day each week the children will need to come to school in their PE kit.

**At Long Lane PE will happen on a Friday afternoon** – remember to be prepared for all weathers.

**At Marston PE will happen on a Thursday afternoon** – remember to be prepared for all weathers.

### **Uniform**

I am aware that many of the children will have grown during this lockdown and may need new school uniform / school shoes. I am also aware that it is currently difficult to shop for uniform. If you are finding it difficult to replace uniform please send them in appropriate alternatives, e.g. trainers / pumps for shoes.



### **Dinner Money**

School meals remain free for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

The cost of meals for children in Years 3 to 6 is £2.20 per day, £11.00 a week.

The total cost of school meals from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March to Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April is £41.80.

Please continue to ensure money comes to school in a sealed, clearly labelled envelope. Thank you.

### **Routines**

The guidance we have received so far indicates that the measures we had in place during the autumn term to protect our school community will remain, so the routine of the school day will already be familiar to the children.

We will continue to have staggered start and collection arrangements. In school we have discussed the timings we had and have decided to alter them slightly. The new start and collection arrangements are listed below. Children will need to arrive on time because we will be starting our day at 8:55am prompt with Collective Worship. Please note children will not be ready to go home until 3:25pm so please do not arrive early.

The timings for **LLPS** will be as follows:

<b>Surname Initial</b>	<b>Start time</b>	<b>End time</b>	<b>Entry/exit</b>
A to G	8:45 – 8:50	3:25 – 3:30	Arriving through the side gate.
H to Z	8:50 – 8:55	3:30 – 3:35	

The timings for **MMPS** will be as follows:

<b>Surname Initial</b>	<b>Start time</b>	<b>End time</b>	<b>Entry/exit</b>
A to G & J to P	8:45 – 8:50	3:25 – 3:30	Arriving through the front door.
H & I & Q to Z	8:50 – 8:55	3:30 – 3:35	

Looking forward to seeing you all (12 sleeps to go!)

Teresa Bosley