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Dear Families,

I hope you are all well.

Please find within this newsletter, information that will be useful ahead of the very welcome return of all children to school on Monday – we can't wait to have everyone back where they belong.

### **Safeguarding/Wellbeing Information**

You may remember in September we sent a letter home asking for any information that would help us support your children on their return to school after a lengthy period learning at home. There may have been significant changes to your lives over the last couple of months that have impacted your children in a variety of ways. If you feel there is anything we should know about ahead of their return, including any change in their medical needs or worries about their engagement in home learning, please complete the short questionnaire [HERE](#).

If you have completed a form previously, you only need to return it if circumstances have changed or there is anything specific that you think we should be made aware of. We want to ensure as smooth a transition as possible and by providing us with this information is a big step in doing so. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

### **Information about the full re-opening of school & FAQs**

I attached some important information and Frequently Asked Questions about the full re-opening of school in my newsletter last week. If you did not get the chance to read it, can I ask that you do so ahead of Monday. It is available to view in the COVID-19 section of the school website alongside an updated Risk Assessment and lots of other information and government advice.

### **PE arrangements**

As before Christmas, to ensure the safe delivery of the PE curriculum, and in line with Government advice, the vast majority of PE sessions will take place outdoors.

Children should continue to come into school in their PE kits on the days they have PE. This will avoid children getting changed in close proximity, mixing up clothes and having to move to a different part of school (where boys and girls get changed separately).

Tracksuit bottoms/joggers, outdoor trainers, a T-shirt and **school jumper/cardigan** would be ideal. If children would like to wear a pair of shorts underneath their joggers to change into in warmer weather, this would be fine.



The days on which your child will be doing PE can be found below:

**Reception** – Monday & Thursday

**Year 1** – Wednesday & Friday

**Year 2** – Tuesday & Friday

**Year 3** – Monday & Wednesday

**Year 4** – Monday & Wednesday

**Year 5** – Tuesday & Friday

**Year 6** – Thursday & Friday

### **Travelling to and from school**

Public Health and the Local Authority have asked us to remind parents and carers of the need to wear face coverings which cover the mouth and nose when travelling by public transport (unless they are exempt).

Also, in line with current restrictions, if children are walking to or from school, they should only be walking with those in their household or childcare support bubble (not their year group/class bubble). If walking alone, they are permitted to do so with one other person outside their household, but must maintain a 2 metre social distance at all times. They should return home as quickly and safely as possible at the end of the day.

### **Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school**

You may have seen on TV or in the press that parents and other adults in households with children at school **who do not have symptoms**, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles. Details of where you can collect kits can be found by following the link below:

<https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

**Please note: children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.**

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity (again!) to thank you all for your kind words and continued support over the last couple of months. I appreciate that it has been an extremely difficult time for so many of you who have not been able to send your children into school. The time and effort you have invested in supporting your children with their school work is incredible and will help them so much when they return to school next week.

I would also like to thank the staff for the hard work, dedication and care they have shown towards the children this term. It has been a real challenge teaching children at home and in class simultaneously but a one they have excelled in. They have been amazing.

We are very much looking forward to having all of the children back in school together on Monday.

With my very best wishes,



P Marley

