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Dear Parents/carers,

We cannot wait until next Monday to see all the children back in school. We do not underestimate the different emotions that families will be feeling, and we understand that Monday is going to be a milestone in your child's school journey. We will be on duty to help and will do our utmost to support you should you need any assistance.

Before we get back here are some reminders and notices do take the time to read these carefully – actions are highlighted in yellow for ease of identification.

Face Coverings

Government guidance states that adults should wear face coverings where social distancing is not possible. Due to the number of adults we have on site we are continuing to strongly advocate that face coverings are worn by adults when they come onto the school site.

Adult visitors to school are also requested to wear a mask whilst in the building.

Children should be assisted with removing face coverings before coming into school and these should be stored in a plastic bag or container until they go home.

Start of the day – this remains the same with a rolling start between 8:40-9am for all year groups

Year 3 – please use **MAIN PEDESTRIAN GATE NEAR THE CAR PARK**. Parents to drop off at classroom door and then leave via the car park gates.

NB it is likely to be busy, so please observe social distancing as much as you can. We do appreciate that the first morning can be hard for everyone, but a quick goodbye is by far the very best way to have a positive start. We are confident that within a short space of time, your child will be settled. If your child is upset, we will call you to let you know they are ok, so you can get on with your day.

Year 4 – please use **MAIN PEDESTRIAN GATE NEAR THE CAR PARK**. Parents to drop off at the classroom door and then leave by following the one-way system around the back of Year 6. Please note that there will be children coming down from the top playground so if you could keep to the POD side of the playground before leaving via the two exits on the top playground (NB there is no exit via the gate by my office).

IF YOU HAVE OLDER SIBLINGS PLEASE SEND THEM VIA THE ONE-WAY ROUTE AROUND THE BACK OF YEAR 6 TO THEN ENTER INTO THEIR CLASSES.

Year 5 – please use the **VEHICLE ACCESS GATE** on the top playground and allow your child to make their own way down to their classes. Parents to exit using the two exit gates on the top playground.

Year 6 - please use the **VEHICLE ACCESS GATE** on the top playground and allow your child to make their own way down to their classes. Parents to exit using the two exit gates on the top playground.

End of the day

Year 3 and 4 3:10pm

Year 3 – please wait in the **CAR PARK AREA OUTSIDE THE YEAR 3 CLASSES**, do not enter the covered area. You will be called forward to collect your child as they come out of the class and through the year 3 gates. You should then leave via the car park gates. If you have an older sibling, please then make your way round to the Year 4 and upper school classes using the one-way system.

Year 4- please wait **OUTSIDE YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM OR THE COURTYARD** and wait until your child is released. You should then follow the one-way system out of the school using the two exits on the top playground.

Year 5 -3:15pm

Year 5 – please come down onto the lower playground using the down route from the top playground (this will be clearly identified) and **WAIT OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM OR COURTYARD** (do not enter the courtyard).

Year 6-3:20pm

Year 6 - please come down onto the lower playground using the down route from the top playground (this will be clearly identified) and **WAIT OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM.**

There is plenty of space so do make sure you socially distance as much as you can.

I am sure you will appreciate these are all new measures and like with any plan, we will evaluate and modify as we see how things go. Your understanding is greatly appreciated.

IF YOUR CHILD IS WALKING HOME ON THEIR OWN. PLEASE ENSURE YOU MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER KNOWS USING DOJO.

Lunches

Please complete the survey to tell us the patterns of lunches for your child up until Easter. This needs to be completed by all parents please.

[WEEKLY LUNCH PATTERN FOR SECOND HALF SPRING TERM 2021 FROM 8TH MARCH 2021](#)

Uniform

Our expectation is that children will continue to attend school wearing appropriate school colours and suitable footwear for exercise.

- Clothes should be in school colours – blue and green tops with grey/black bottoms (please refrain from sending in children in brightly coloured clothes, including jumpers)
- Clothes should be smart – no jeans or labelled clothes
- Clothes should be appropriate for school

After Easter, we will be expecting all children to be full school uniform as set out on our website with no exceptions.

Hair, Earrings, and hygiene

For hygiene and safety reasons, please ensure that all long hair is tied back for the whole school day.

One set of stud earrings are the only earrings permitted in school. They must not be worn for any physical activity and need to be taken out before coming to school that day or in school by the pupil themselves. School staff are not able to assist with earrings for hygiene reasons. Please ensure that your child has a suitable small box or purse in their school bag to keep the earrings in after they have taken them out. If they are not able to put them back in in school, please ask them to bring the earrings home to put back in.

Medical Conditions and Medication

Please do get in touch with our Office Staff (01353 662163 / enquiries@esm.school) if there is anything you feel we need to know about your child that is either new or different regarding any medical conditions / issues, food allergies or medication (including new medication to replace any that has expired). They will then discuss this with you and send you any necessary online forms to complete. If for any reason, your child took their asthma inhaler or other medication home with them when we term ended in December 2020, please ensure that it comes back into school in the school plastic pouch.

Gatherings on school site

When we return on March 8th we will still be in lockdown and therefore I must ask that you abide by the lockdown rules. This means not gathering to talk on the playground, school gates or local park. It is imperative that we continue to all do our bit to help keep our school community safe.

World Book Day

World Book Day is a bit different this year with us being in lockdown! Families learning from home, look out for a video on Thursday from Miss Hale and Mrs. Gilpin-Davies with suggested activities and information about exciting new books in school. Do send us in pictures or videos of anything you do at home – we would love to see them! Children in school will have the opportunity to take part in similar activities in their bubbles – they may wish to bring in a favourite book from home to use for some of these activities. Given that we are in lockdown and that shops are all shut, we are not doing costumes for World Book Day this year, however if you have a costume at home please feel free to send us a picture!

Kind regards

Mrs Ireland-Curtis and the ESM team
Headteacher