



# Dilton Marsh Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Return to school – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Further to my letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021, I would like to remind you of a few key points that you will need to be aware of before the children return to school on Monday.

### 1. Arrival / Departure

When the children return to school we will resume the staggered entry. Please note the new times below.

	Morning Drop off	Afternoon pick up
Reception/Lime Class	8.40am, through the side gate	2.45pm, from the side gate
KS1, Cherry and Ash Classes	8.40am, Cherry to go through the main playground gate and Ash through the side gate	2.45pm, from the main playground
KS2, Willow, Chestnut, Beech and Oak	8.30am, through the main playground gate	3pm, from the main playground gate.
Key worker and younger siblings of KS2 children	8.30am, through their class entrances (see above).	At the same time as the remainder of their class unless by prior arrangement. Older siblings of KS1 children can be picked up at 2.45pm

### 2. Face Masks

Sara Edwards (CEO) wrote to you at the end of last term to ask that you support with minimising the transmission of COVID-19 by always wearing a face mask whenever you enter the school site including drop-off and pick-up times. For our school site, this will mean face masks must be worn as soon as you enter the school car park and until you leave the pedestrian gate onto the lane. Our staff will also be wearing masks at arrival and drop off times and in communal areas around school including outside on the playground. This is to reduce transmission and to ensure that all adults in our school community feel safe when they are on the school site. Thank you for your continued co-operation with this.

Primary aged children are not required to wear a face mask into school or during the school day.

### 3. Social Distancing

Please can we remind you of the importance of social distancing (2 metres plus) from other parents and staff at drop off / pick-up. We ask that you are prompt in collecting children and leave the school premises immediately.

### 4. Attendance

Full time attendance in school from the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 is a legal requirement. If you foresee any issues with your child attending, please contact me directly on [head@diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:head@diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk) or phone me to discuss.

### 5. Absence reporting

If your child is absent for any reason, please contact the school by 9am by email or phone call to notify us. If we are expecting your child to attend school and they are absent with no reason given, we will telephone parents to establish the reason for absence.

### 6. Symptoms of Covid-19 / Positive test result

Please do not send your child into school if they are showing any of the symptoms of Covid-19 and book them a test immediately. Please inform the school of this by phoning or emailing [admin@diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk). If the result is positive please email [head@diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:head@diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk) immediately – day or night, 7 days a week.

If your child shows **any signs of sickness** (Covid-19 or otherwise) we will contact you immediately to collect them so please ensure all contact details are up to date with the school office.

#### 7. Staff Testing

All of our staff will be continuing with the twice weekly Lateral Flow Testing to detect any asymptomatic cases. We will of course, continue to work with the South West Public Health Team and be transparent in our communication of any positive cases at the first possible opportunity.

***“From 1 March 2021, if you’re a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil you can get a twice-weekly test”***

Please see the attached letter from Helene Hughes, Director of Education for Wiltshire regarding household testing.

#### 8. Hands, Face, Space

The children will continue to be taught within their bubble and will remain within this bubble at play times. We will follow a strict and regular schedule of hand washing and sanitising. We will continue to promote ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ with all of the children and will continue with our rigorous cleaning regime of the school site and equipment.

#### 9. Risk Assessment

A copy of our revised school Risk Assessment is available upon request – please email [admin@diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk) if you would like a copy.

#### 10. School Meals

From 8<sup>th</sup> March we will be offering hot meals in school to all children. All meals must be booked on **Wisepay by the end of Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021** and each Wednesday thereafter for the forthcoming week.

#### 11. Breakfast Club

We will be offering Breakfast Club from 8<sup>th</sup> March. Booking must be made via emailing [admin@diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk) with payment for any bookings made on Wisepay in advance please.

#### 12. School Equipment

Please do not send your child into school with anything except for their lunch (if they are not having hot school meals), water bottle and book bags. Your child does not need any other equipment in school. Please DO NOT send your child with a rucksack.

##### School equipment to return

Please can all work books, Power Maths exercise books (really important), laptops, reading books, reading diaries and any other equipment loaned from school, be returned on Monday. Thank you.

#### 13. PE days / PE kit

PE will be outside unless very wet. Children should arrive in their PE kit consisting of trainers, black shorts or tracksuit bottoms, their house coloured T-shirt and school jumper. Please no football shirts. If your child has grown out of their school PE T-shirt please can they wear an alternative plain T-shirt until Scholars is open again.

Tuesday	Willow Class
Wednesday	Chestnut Class
Thursday	Lime, Cherry, Ash, Beech & Oak

I fully appreciate just how difficult the last few months have been and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your efforts and support in assisting with the remote learning. We are not quite out of this yet and the next few months will continue to be a challenge, but there is now light at the end of the tunnel and by continuing to work together we can ensure that your child has the very best experience in school that they can.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Please continue to follow the government guidelines about keeping safe and reducing transmission.

Yours sincerely  
Mrs Jill Hibbs  
Headteacher