



2nd March 2021

RE: Full return to school 8th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will know, we are all due to school on March 8th. YAY!

All of our children are expected to return on this date and our normal routines and systems will re-start.

There are a number of things which I would like to share with you, so you know how things will work once we are all back to school.



Bubbles	<p>This is managed in the same way it was before this lockdown. Children in Reception will form a bubble (2 classes.) Children in Year 1 will form a bubble (2 classes) All other Year groups will remain in class sized bubbles until at least Easter. If things improve and risks reduce, we will form year group bubbles to allow for more mixing and cross-year group work.</p>
Break times / Lunchtimes	<p>Children will stay in their bubble groups at break and lunchtimes, in the same way they did in the Autumn Term. Lunches – Hot meals will be available for any children who want them. They are free for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and paid for children in Y3 – 6 (Unless your child is eligible for Free School Meals) Lunches will be ordered in the same way as before Christmas and need to be paid for through Caterlink. (If you can't get onto this – please contact the office for help)</p>
Uniform	<p>It is likely that some children will have grown out of uniform / shoes etc. – If you cannot get replacements, please don't worry. Just send them in wearing clothes as close to school uniform colours as possible. Once shops reopen children can return to school uniform.</p> <p>School Bags / Pencil Cases etc. can come to school in the normal way.</p> <p>PE Kit Children will continue to come to school on PE days wearing their kit – Teachers will let you know which days these are if you have forgotten. Please remember that sports kits must be dark colours and not brightly coloured.</p>
Pick up and Drop off	<p>Please continue to wear a mask at all times that you are on school grounds.</p> <p>We will continue to operate the 'drop and run' system at the main gate – staff will be on hand to meet and greet and get children into class. This has been successful during lockdown and we will continue this for the near future until risks drop further.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Reception children will be dropped / collected by their classroom doors.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Year 1 please come in and leave by the Church Gate and use the external classroom doors. ○ Year 2 and 3 please use the playground ○ Year 4/5/6 arrive and leave through double green gates at the top of the carpark – staff will be there in the usual way. <p>Collection at the end of the day: Children are all collected at the same place where they are dropped in the mornings. If you have more than 1 child, don't worry, staff will wait for you to arrive.</p> <p>We are NOT operating a staggered start / end to the day. Doors will open at 8:45am and the day will end at 3:30pm. Breakfast and After School Club will continue to be run for the usual hours (7:30 – 8:45 and 3:30 – 6:00pm) Please make sure you book this in advance through Scopay.</p>
Handwashing and Hygiene	<p>Children will be reminded all about handwashing and hygiene on return to school. If your children needs hand wash or hand cream as they have sensitive skin, please send this to school for them to use. Please make sure they are clearly named.</p>
Poorly children	<p>If your child has any symptoms of COVID DO NOT send them into school. Please keep them away from school and get a test booked. Please let us know if your child needs / has a test.</p> <p>If children have any symptoms at school they will be isolated and you will be called to collect them and book a test.</p> <p>All isolation guidance from the Government and Public Health England still applies.</p>
Rapid Testing NEW INFO	<p>This is all we know at the moment – when we get information about how you can access tests we will let you know. DfE Guidance states:</p> <p>Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff</p> <p>Around 1 in 3 people with coronavirus (COVID-19) do not have symptoms but can still pass it on to others. Regular testing of people without symptoms (asymptomatic testing) is important to help stop the virus spreading. As lockdown restrictions gradually ease, we all need to play our part to help protect each other.</p> <p>On Sunday 28 February, the Department of Health and Social Care announced that from Monday 1 March, households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles, can test themselves twice every week at home as schools return from Monday 8 March. Households, childcare and support bubbles of primary, secondary and college staff can also be tested. Twice-weekly testing will also be offered to adults working in the wider school community, including bus drivers and after school club leaders. The twice-weekly test kits can be accessed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • via employers if they offer testing to employees • at a local test site • by collecting a home test kit from a test site • by ordering a home test kit online

