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Dear Parents,

We are really looking forward to welcoming back all children to school on Monday 8th March and we will be operating in the same way as when we returned in September. Classes will continue to operate as class bubbles and if we have an identified positive case then bubbles will have to follow Government guidance and isolate. Any child isolating at home will have remote learning provided by school and further details of this will follow next week. A quick reminder with some frequently asked questions and answers is below. Please ensure you have a read.

I am sure that some children and parents will be very excited about returning and others may be worried. Please know that we are doing all we can in school to minimise the risk so we can bring everyone back as safely as we can. If you do have any concerns or questions then please email the office or give us a call. The Celebration Assembly today is all about coming back to school, if your child hasn't watched it then please find 5 minutes to share it with them.

Have a lovely weekend in the sunshine and I'll see you all very soon!

Best wishes

J. Exton

Mrs J. Exton
Headteacher

Returning to School – 8th March 2021



Will children wear school uniform?

Yes, children will need to wear school uniform. On days when they have PE they will need to come to school in their PE kit: black jogging bottoms, white T shirt and a school jumper, as we will be outside. Once we have finalised timetables we will let you know which days to wear PE kits.



What time does school start?

One of the biggest risks at school is drop and pick up times and we ask that you all remain socially distanced from each other for everyone's safety. We will continue to operate a staggered start to the school day to ensure you can all remain socially distanced at drop off. Please do not arrive at school any earlier than 8.50am and make sure you follow the one way system.

8.50 am if your surname begins with A-M

8.55 am if your surname begins with N-Z



What time does school finish?

3.20 pm if your surname begins with A-M

3.25 pm if your surname begins with N-Z



What can my child bring to school?

We are still keeping things brought in from home to the minimum so children can bring, water bottles, lunchboxes and reading books to and from school. If they need a small bag to help with organising then please make sure this is small and only has the items above in.



How will lunches work?

Each class will remain in their bubble and eat in the hall in their own zone and play outside in their own zone. There will be a one-way system in place so bubbles do not mix. The tables and chairs will be cleaned between groups using them and the room will be well ventilated.



How will playtimes work?

Playtimes will continue to be staggered so that children can stay in their bubble and have a space on the field/playground/trim trail to play on. They will continue to have access to equipment to play with which are just for their bubble.



What will lessons look like?

When children return to school we want it to be as familiar as possible whilst giving us the flexibility to support children's mental health and wellbeing. We will be delivering a curriculum which will have wellbeing woven throughout it to enable children to settle back in to school and rebuild relationships with their friends, staff and get used to the familiar routines. We have some exciting learning to look forward to!



Should my child wear a face mask?

No, government guidance is that children in schools do not need to wear face masks. We ask that adults continue to wear masks at drop off and pick up time and staff will be wearing masks as they move around the school in shared areas to further minimise the risks and when meeting parents.



Are Breakfast and After Club running?

Yes, we are continuing to run Breakfast Club and After school club as we realise this is a vital support for parents and family life. Breakfast Club will run from 8am in the morning and After School Club pick up time will be 5pm. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer the extended hours at the present time. Please book your slots as soon as possible with Andrea at Stepping Stones.



What other measure are being taken to minimise risk?

Since January staff have been taking part in lateral flow tests twice a week. This is part of the Government plan to test people who may be asymptomatic (have Covid but no symptoms). This will continue until the Government advises us to stop.