

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am absolutely delighted that we are able to welcome all children back into school from Monday 8th March. It is expected that ALL children will return to school, unless they are shielding as they are classed as extremely clinically vulnerable. Whilst I appreciate that some families may be wary about returning, the DfE are clear that this is not a reason for children not to attend school. If you or your child are anxious, please contact school and we can discuss this with you.

Children are expected to wear full school uniform from 8th March. However, I appreciate that where children have grown, items of uniform may no longer fit, please let us know and allowances will be made until new items are obtained. Children are not required to bring book bags or pencil cases into school. Please can your child/ren come to school in their PE kit on Tuesday and Friday for outdoor PE sessions. Those children who bring packed lunches will be asked to leave their lunch bags under their desks in order to keep them safe. Please can you send your child with a water bottle each day. EY/KS1 no snacks required, fruit will be provided from the fruit scheme from 8th March. School lunches will resume on Monday 8th March. Menus are available on the school's website. Please choose: Week One.

Staff Testing

Since January, all staff in school have been supplied with lateral flow testing kits to self-swab at home. Staff will continue to carry out the test twice a week, in the morning, before coming into school. Results are reported to NHS Test and Trace and are shared with senior staff. Where necessary I will close affected Bubble/s. I apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused, however as you will appreciate these steps have to be taken. Remote learning will resume for children who need to isolate due to a Covid diagnosis or a bubble closure in school.

Masks

Primary children in school do not need to wear masks, as is stated in government guidance. Staff will wear masks and visors when supporting social distancing, but not whilst teaching the whole class. Staff carrying out any clinical or intimate care procedures are provided with PPE and will wear it to carry out these duties.

The School Day

Whilst we are exceptionally keen to get all children into class and back into a routine as soon as possible we must ensure that the safety and well-being of our pupils and staff remains our number one priority in these challenging times. In school we will continue to operate in Bubbles, this will minimise the risk of mixing and will have lesser impact if a Bubble needs to close.

To ensure we maintain social distancing, children will be asked to enter school at specific times. Please can I urge all parents/carers to keep to these times and avoid being early or late as this impacts on others. Only one adult wearing a mask, unless you are exempt should be accompanying the child/ren. I appreciate that the area outside the school gate is tight and far from ideal. The path is narrow, and not far from a busy road, please do not arrive early or linger,

stand back in order to maintain social distancing. No parent/carer should be engaging in conversation with one another.

Dropping Children off at School

Children who have been attending school during lockdown have been entering school, happily on their own. Duty staff are on the gate, within the playground and on entrance doors to ensure children's safe entry into school. Therefore, and to avoid any unnecessary risk of social mixing, we are asking all parent/carer not to enter the school site on a morning.

Collection of Children

At the specified time only 1 parent/carer are asked to collect their child/ren from the designated area within the playground. Our oldest children, those in Class 4, will be escorted to the school gate, this will reduce congestion. Mr Cumiskey will accompany the children to ensure safe collection and please be reassured that no child will be left on their own.

Re-opening of School	Drop Off	Pick Up
Early Years Morning Nursery (Mrs Allred) Afternoon Nursery(Mrs Allred) Reception Class 1 (Mrs Gunston)	8.50am 12.15am 8.50am	11.50am 3.15pm 2.50pm
KS1 (Mrs Whitehill) Year One and Two (Class 2)	8.50am	2.55pm
KS2 (Mr Wilcox) Year Three and Four (Class 3)	8.40am	3.00pm
KS2 (Mr Cumiskey) Year Five and Six (Class 4)	8.40am	3.05pm

Times remain staggered as a protective measure in order to support our community safely, through social distancing and government guidance. If you are collecting more than one child, we encourage you to arrive for the younger siblings' collection time to avoid you having to wait more than necessary.

When on site, please maintain social distance by waiting in the appropriate areas, move quickly and keep hold of your child's hand at all times.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Breakfast Club (7.45 – 8.40 am) and After School Club (3.05 - 5.45 pm) are open. You can pay for this via Parent pay and contact the school office for a form. For Breakfast club you must hand over your child to a member of staff at the school office. For After School club a member of staff will bring your child to you at the main door, please ring the bell. If there no immediate answer, please ring the school 01740 644374 and a member of the After School Club will answer.

Teaching and Learning

In the remaining weeks leading up to Easter, we will work on re-establishing school routines and expectations. Children will be supported academically and socially in their return to whole school life. The impact of Covid on children is not yet known, however please be reassured that your child's emotional well-being and positive mental health is of paramount importance. Teachers will focus on the key skills children need within their year group in order to assess pupils' current understanding and support future learning.

As the path out of lockdown is relaxed, we will review bubbles as appropriate, providing more opportunities for children to mix when it is safe to do so.

Communication

We are committed to supporting you and your families and ask that communication is via phone or email where possible. Please do not come into the school office unless for a pre-arranged appointment. If you do have to enter the building, please wear a face covering. Staff are more than happy to ring you, if you wish to discuss anything in detail.

Our Safety Measures

Rest assured that we are doing everything we can to make sure our pupils can return to school safely. We have a thorough COVID-19 risk assessment which has been reviewed in light of the new guidance issued by the Government. More information regarding this will be shared with parents/carers over the coming week.

Lockdown has been a challenging period for all of us, and we'd like to thank you for your continuing support during this difficult and uncertain time. If you or your child have any concerns about returning to school, or if you think your child might need extra support when they return, please get in touch.

We'd also like to thank you for all your support in helping your child learn from home. We'll continue to keep in touch if we update our plans or if we need to make changes due to new government guidance.

I am very much looking forward to meeting and seeing you all on Monday 8th March.

Take Care and Stay Safe