

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm sure everyone was paying avid attention to Boris on Monday and the very positive confirmation that all children will be able to return to school on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. I am hoping that this letter covers the main 'headlines' that you will want to know as we start to prepare for full re-opening.

The main message is that school will return on the same basis as the Autumn Term, with the expectation that all children attend school and the majority of school life being 'normal' for children, parents and carers. We will review our risk assessment and handbooks by the end of this week and these will be on our school website by **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March**. We don't envisage these changing too much, so expect everything to look the same as it did before the school closed (staggered drop-offs, etc.). For now, the following items are the things that we expect most parents and carers will want confirmation about:

- **Breakfast Club:** This will start on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March @8am. If you need a place, please contact the school Office. The cost for attending is £2.50 per day.
- **After School Clubs:** These will start **AFTER** the Easter Holidays from Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021.
- **Free School Meals:** For children entitled to free school meals, we have processed the final voucher payments for this week and next week. The scheme will end once the children are back in school.
- **Packed lunches:** We are a healthy school and would like to remind families that fizzy drinks, chocolate and sweets are treats that should not be sent into school in children's packed lunch. Many thanks for your support with this. Should you have any questions or concerns then please speak to your child's class teacher. All class teachers are available at the end of the school day. If you feel your question has not been answered or your concern resolved, please speak to your child's phase lead. They are:

**Phase 1 (Nursery, Reception and Year 1) Mrs Sherwin and Miss Smith**

**Phase 2 (Years 2, 3 and 4) Mrs Rogers**

**Phase 3 (Years 5 and 6) Miss Done**

- **Staggered start and finish times:** Please see the grid below which shows the groups, time slots and where children should be dropped off and picked up:

YEAR GROUP	Bubble	START TIME	FINISH TIME	DROP OFF/ COLLECTION GATE
Nursery	Nursery	8:45 am	3:00pm	Gate 4 – small playground
Year RR/Year RC	Reception	8.45 am	3.00 pm	Gate 5 – Parr Street
Year 1SB/Year 1D	Year 1	8:30 am	2:45 pm	Gate 4 – small playground
The Leaf	The Leaf	9:00 am	3:00 pm	Car park/Gate 3 – main entrance
Year 2H/Year 2SH	Year 2	8.45am	3.00 pm	Gate 3 – main entrance
Year 3R/Year 3B	Year 3	8:30 am	2:45 pm	Gate 1 – large playground
Year 4H/Year 4N	Year 4	8.45 am	3.00 pm	Gate 1 – large playground
Year 5P/Year 5D	Year 5	8:30 am	2:45 pm	Gate 2 – St John Street
Year 6D/Year 6C	Year 6	8.30am	2.45 pm	Gate 3 – main entrance

**PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU ARE LATE YOU MAY NOT BE ADMITTED TO SCHOOL. YOU MAY BE ASKED TO WAIT UNTIL 9.15am WHEN A MEMBER OF STAFF WILL BE AVAILABLE TO COLLECT YOUR CHILD FROM GATE 3, THE MAIN ENTRANCE.**



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Hopefully that gives everyone enough information to start planning for how life will look from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, but please don't hesitate to ask any questions in the meantime. Between now and the first day back, there are a few things other things to consider as the majority of children start to prepare for a return to school after such a long break:

- **Sleep/Routines:** It is more than likely that things are somewhat out of routine for many families, especially after the half-term holiday, so it is worth starting to get used to normal bed-times and getting up times as of now.
- **School Uniform:** As part of getting up in good time, it will also be worth getting back into the routine of not just being up, but being dressed and ready to leave on time. It might be worth checking school uniform as soon as possible to see what fits and what might need replacing. Although we will expect children to follow our dress-code, we will be sensible with our expectations whilst so many shops aren't open. Our school uniform is: Navy blue sweatshirt/cardigan (school logo or plain), white polo shirt, black/grey trousers/skirt and black shoes. (Black trainer style shoes with a black sole and with no logos may also be worn). Girls are to wear navy blue/black hair bobbles only. PE Kit is also a compulsory part of our uniform and children are asked to come to school in their PE kits on their PE day - White t-shirt, black shorts and trainers/black pumps for inside. They may wear leggings or tracksuit bottoms for PE on colder days. Please ensure that all children have their names written on each item of clothing (including coats) so that they can be easily returned if misplaced.
- **Anxieties:** Although we expect that most of the children are already very keen to return to school, we also know that it may create some anxiety for children after such a long time out of the routine of school. We will be working in our assemblies to help smooth this transition and will be planning the rest of the half-term very carefully to make sure we cater for any challenges the children might be having. If you have any specific concerns about your child/children, please contact the class teacher as soon as possible to raise those concerns as we will do our very best (as always) to provide bespoke support for every child.

#### A couple of important reminders:

1. Only adults (including parents and carers) who are wearing a facemask will be allowed onto the school site including the playground. Please adhere to social distancing and leave the site as soon as you have collected your child/children.
2. If you have loaned a school laptop/device over the lockdown period, please can this be returned to school with your child on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

As I have already said, please don't hesitate to get in touch with any questions at all, but we will keep you updated with anything else that comes in. Mostly though, I hope that you are all as excited as the staff are to be seeing all of the children back – we really can't wait!

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Kind regards,



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Head of School



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