



2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

As you will know the government have released the 'Steps' to ease the lockdown restrictions and we were pleased to hear that from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 all children will return to school. We look forward to welcoming everyone back.

Here are some of the legal requirements that will also be in place from March:

- All pupils will return to school full time
- Shielding for extremely vulnerable children will stop from 31<sup>st</sup> March (unless extended by the government)
- Hand washing will continue
- Large gatherings, such as assemblies are not allowed
- Promote Catch it, bin it, kill it
- Enhanced cleaning will continue
- No educational visits are allowed- we will update parents as to booked trips.
- All staff complete lateral flow tests twice weekly
- Parents will be expected to engage with NHS Test and Trace
- If children have COVID-19 symptoms they should isolate at home
- Any child showing symptoms, in school, will be sent home to isolate

As you know we have been busy planning the opening of school, to all our children. I am now able to update you with our plans. I understand that there is a lot of information in this letter but I have tried to include all of the details that you need, in one place.

We have followed the government guidance and in order to keep your child and the staff safe we need to implement the following:

## Organisation

The children will remain in their class bubbles and will not be able to mix indoors.

Arrival between 8:50 and 9:00 and collection at 3:20 at your child's class door. Can we please remind all adults that you must wear a face covering and socially distance whilst on the school yard.

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## Uniform/PE

Your child will need to wear full school uniform apart from when they have PE. On PE days please come in full kit, children will not get changed in school.

The PE timetable is:

Tues – Nursery and Reception  
Wed – Year one and two  
Thurs – Year three and four  
Fri – Year five and six

Children will **need to bring a water bottle from home each day**, as the water fountains will NOT be in use. Hot lunches are available for all children or packed lunches can be brought into school.

## Care Club

Care Club will be open normal hours from 8<sup>th</sup> March (subject to demand).

7.30am until start of school.

End of school day until 5.45pm.

We would remind you that even though we have split care club into an EYFS/KS1 bubble and a KS2 bubble, this is another bubble that your child will be part of during the school day increasing their risk and therefore we would ask that you only use care club if you really need to.

## Items from home

Please ensure that your child only brings essentials to school each day, which include: Bag, coat, reading book, lunchbox, water bottles, snack

Pencil cases should stay in school

Please do not send any other items into school

## Isolation

Please continue to inform the school office if your child or anyone in your household has a COVID test. We need to know the results BEFORE your child returns to school.

If your child needs to self-isolate, their class teacher will provide work, via TEAMS

If we need to close a bubble, work will be provided on TEAMS.

## Contact with child class teacher

We understand that a number of children have struggled during this latest lockdown and we want to give parents an opportunity to talk 1:1 with your child's class teacher to share any concerns or address any questions you may have. You are able to book an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher using the link sent in a text to you. Appointments are available on the following days between 3:30 and 4:30.

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 and 4

Tues 9<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 and 2

Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 and 6

EYFS are available on the classroom door morning and afternoon for prolonged periods of time but if you require an additional appointment then please just contact the school office.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Pointon', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Pointon

Headteacher