

Wednesday 3rd March 2021

Dear parents/carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to write to you to expand on Mrs Siedle's letter last week. As you're likely aware, the government has announced that schools will reopen to all pupils on 8th March. We're very much looking forward to welcoming back more of our pupils to face-to-face education then and would like to give you some more information about this.

#### **Attendance**

From 8 March, school attendance will be mandatory and our usual rules on attendance will apply.

As a reminder, your child should self-isolate and not come to school if they:

- > Have coronavirus symptoms or have tested positive
- Live with someone who has symptoms or have tested positive
- > Are a close contact of someone who has tested positive.

# Our safety measures

Rest assured that we're doing everything we can to make sure our pupils can return to school safely. We'll be continuing with our protective measure to keep everybody safe including:

- > Procedures for arrival and collection of children
  - Staggered drop off and pick up times to reduce congestion at busy times. (Your drop off time is 8.45am and Pick up is 3.15pm)
  - Signage and staff on hand to support with social distancing measures.
  - Children only bringing necessary things to school with them e.g. reading book, water bottle, packed if needed and coat.

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> Measures within school and the classroom to keep children safe

- o Small bubbles to reduce the contact between groups
- Staggered break and lunch times.
- o Heighten hygiene measures such as hand-washing

More information on these key measures can be found on the images below.

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 by calling the school office.

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.

Yours sincerely

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Co-Headteachers

KM. Siedle

Mrs Siedle

Executive Headteacher



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# **DROP OFF & COLLECTION**

# WHAT YOUR CHILD NEEDS

### **Drop Off Points**

EYFS/Y1,2





#### **Allocated Times**

GROUP A GROUP B

DROP-OFF // COLLECT 8:45 // 3:15 9:00 // 3:30

Your child should be dropped off and collected at the time specified for their class bubble.

#### **Collection Points**

# ALL YEAR GROUPS ENTER THROUGH MAIN GATE AND EXIT THROUGH KS2 GATE







### **Social Distancing**

Please ensure that there is no more than one adult dropping off and collecting your child to ensure that social distancing can be maintained. Please use social distancing markers when waiting to drop-off or collect your child.

#### **One-way System**

ALL DROP-OFF AREAS WILL FOLLOW A STRICT ONE-WAY SYSTEM, PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES BY FOLLOWING THE DESIGNATED ROUTES AT ALL TIMES.



#### A FILLED WATER BOTTLE

Your child will need to bring their own water bottle each day – this must be filled with water only. They will take their bottle home each night ready for the next day.



#### **PACKED LUNCH**

If your child is not a hot dinner, then you must provide them with a packed lunch. This will be stored in their storage container under their desks until lunch time.



# COAT

Please ensure your child brings a suitable coat. Their coat will also be stored in their own storage container under their desks when they are in class.



### BOOK BAG

Eventually, all children will be given a home reading book which they must place into their home book bag. They must bring this each day along with their reading log book.



#### PE KITS

On the days your child does PE, your child must come to school in their PE kit. They will stay in their PE kit throughout the day.

During the colder seasons, they can wear plain tracksuits/jogging suits.

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# **LUNCHTIMES**



#### Wellbeing

Regular wellbeing activities will be incorporated into the school day to ensure you child's wellbeing is key to their return to school. Opportunities to meet with a member of the Wellbeing Team will also be available.



#### **School Meals**

A hot meal will still be available each day for your child's lunchtime.



#### **Regular Handwashing**

Each classroom will have it's own designated handwashing and sanitisation areas to allow regular handwashing.



#### **Packed Lunches**

If your child would like to bring a packed lunch please ensure it is clearly named and in a suitable container.



# **Equipment**

Your child will have their own resource box with all the equipment that they need for their learning. Your child will need their PE kit (suitable for outdoor PE) and their bookbag in school.



# **Dining Area**

Each 'Bubble' will have a designated area and time to eat as a class each day. This will be cleaned thoroughly between classes.



#### Bubbles

Your child's class is their 'Bubble'. They will have their own designated areas and times for eating and break-times. Distance between Bubbles will be ensured during toilet visits. We will meet virtually as a whole school for Worship and Celebration Assemblies.



### **Play Area**

'Bubbles' will have a play time that is in their designated area and children will not be able to mix with children from other 'Bubbles'.



# Cleaning

Regular cleaning will take place within the classroom between lessons throughout the day, alongside frequently touched surfaces. Any shared equipment will be sanitised before use by another 'Bubble'.



# **Hand Washing**

Staff will support children to ensure handwashing routines are followed - before and after dinner - as children eat and move through the building.

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