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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Covid-19 School Update**

We will welcome back all children on **Monday 8 March!** This is something we really look forward to and it will be lovely to get back to on-site learning.

In line with government guidance, we have completed an updated risk assessment and implemented a range of measures to enable a safe and organised return. The risk assessment can be found on our school website under 'Policies' and in the important updates section that relates to Coronavirus. You can also find links to a Child Protection, Behaviour and Health and Safety Addendum.

The following measures will be in place from **Monday 8 March 2021:**

- We ask that only **one person** brings their child to school where possible. Parents with babies or other siblings must keep them either in a buggy or hold their hand to prevent them from entering the building or using play equipment. Please also adhere to the social distancing rules when waiting to enter the school grounds.
- Please do not allow children to run around the playground whilst waiting for older siblings as we are trying to keep bubbles isolated.
- Please wear a face mask on the school premises.
- Please do not arrive near the premises before your allocated time to prevent congestion and to comply with social distancing.
- Children should be left within the school grounds but away from the building. We ask that parents do not stay to chat to others whilst dropping off and picking up.
- **Full school uniform should be worn. PE kit should be worn on your child's PE day.**
- School meals will be provided as normal. We ask for 1 week's notice if you are changing from dinners to packed lunch or vice versa.

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- Children should bring a clear plastic bottle of still water (no fizzy drinks, cans, glass bottles or flasks) Water fountains will not be in use.
- Please do not send in hand sanitiser from home.
- Parents are asked to contact school by phone or email with any concerns or information.
- Parents/Visitors will not be allowed in the school building without prior notice.
- There will be staggered break and lunch times to allow for social distancing.
- Children will work in their class bubbles. We will keep these bubbles distant from other classes as much as possible.
- Children will be given their own equipment to use and where this is not possible routine cleaning will be in place.
- Classrooms will be arranged in line with government guidance. Social distancing will not be enforced within each class bubble.
- Break and lunchtime plans in place to ensure social distancing between the bubbles.
- There will be clear signage around school reminding of hygiene and social distancing rules

To aid social distancing we will continue to operate a staggered start and finish to the school day. **Please comply with these times to limit congestion at the school gates.** Can I also ask that parents park away from the school to avoid traffic chaos! Please do not park over driveways or on the bend of the road at the back of school.

**Pick up and drop off times will be staggered as follows:**

Class	Drop off	Pick up
Reception	8:50am – 9:15am	3:00pm - 3:15pm
Year 1/ Year 2	8:45am – 8:55am	3:00pm – 3:10pm
Year 3/ Year 4	8:55am – 9:05am	3:10pm – 3:20pm
Year 5/ Year 6	9:05pm – 9:15am	3:20pm – 3:30pm

**Displaying Symptoms**

Any child developing coronavirus symptoms, however mild, must not come to school and should remain at home in line with the self-isolation guidance. We will immediately contact the parents/carers of any child developing coronavirus symptoms whilst in school. If this happens, the child must be collected without delay along with any other siblings.

**Spring Term**

A newsletter will follow on Monday 8 March that will include important dates for the diary and PE arrangements for the rest of the term.

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**Finally**

Whilst our goal for the rest of the year is to ensure children catch up with their academic learning, there will also be an emphasis on ‘Emotional Health and Wellbeing.’ We are extremely aware that children have missed out on so much and determined to make sure that school is a happy place! With this in mind, we will be organising as many exciting and memorable activities as we can over the next few months, in the hope that it will make up for the very difficult time they have had.

Once again, I thank you for your incredible support during school closures. The children have engaged brilliantly with remote learning and this has only been possible because of the encouragement from their parents.

We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday.

Yours sincerely

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**Headteacher**



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