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Dear Parents/carers,

Happy new year and I hope that you have all had a well-deserved break.

I am sure that you have been watching the news unfolding regarding the rise in infection rates and the reopening of schools. Apologies for the delay in sending this letter but due to the changing picture over the last couple of days I wanted to ensure that I had the most up-to-date information about reopening.

School will be open for face to face teaching from Wednesday 6th January 2021. We have made some changes to how we will operate within school due to the new guidance in order to keep staff and pupils as safe as possible. Changes include:

- KS2 pupils will have lunch in their classrooms and will only be on the playground in their class bubbles for break and lunch times
- In KS1 and KS2 all hot meals will need to be ordered using the link on the school website: [click here to book school meals](#)
- The majority of staff will only be working within their own bubble (unless staff shortage means that this is not possible)
- Breakfast club will only be open to keyworker and vulnerable pupils; you will have received a letter regarding this already: [click here to request a space](#)

Other measures, such as extra cleaning, handwashing etc. will continue as before. I appreciate that this is a worrying time for us all and I want to assure you that we have our communities' best interests at the heart of what we are doing at all times. If you have concerns about your child being at school, staff will be available to speak to you over the telephone from tomorrow. You can also contact us via email (address above).

When school does reopen, can you all please help us to keep everyone safe by:

- Dropping off and collecting your children at your designated time so that there are less people at the gates
- Socially distance from other households when you are waiting for children
- Wear a face covering when collecting children
- If your child, any member of their household or anyone that they have had contact with has any of the recognised symptoms they must not attend school and a test be requested as soon as possible.

- If your child has been advised to isolate they must do so and school informed immediately
- If you are asked to collect your child due to either class isolation or they are displaying symptoms, you must collect them as a matter of urgency
- If your child does wear a face covering to school, please show them how to wear them safely and provide them with a bag to put them in before they enter the school grounds or take them home with you.

I appreciate that this is a lot of information, but if you do need to speak too someone, please feel free to do so. If there are any changes prior to Wednesday, I will communicate these as soon as practically possible.

Your sincerely,

Melanie Johnson
Acting Headteacher

Start and Finish Times

	Start	Finish
Reception	08:45	15:15
Year 1	08:50	15:20
Year 2	08:50	15:20
Year 3	08:40	15:10
Year 4	08:40	15:10
Year 5	08:30	15:00
Year 6	08:30	15:00

Siblings should be dropped off and collected at the earliest arrival and latest collection time as per arrangements prior to the holidays.