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Dear Parents/Carers

Returning to School

We were all delighted to hear about the **return to school for all pupils from 8th March** and can't wait to see all the children again! New government guidance has been issued and I need to remind you of our protocols for safety and what you need to do to mitigate against the risk so that we can all work together towards greater freedoms from **21st June!** Here is a useful reminder of the steps out of lockdown:

STEP 1: 8 March

Schools and colleges are open for all students. Practical Higher Education Courses.

Recreation or exercise outdoors with household or one other person. No household mixing indoors.

Wraparound childcare.

Stay at home.

Funerals (30), wakes and weddings (6).

29 March

Rule of 6 or two households outdoors. No household mixing indoors.

Outdoor sport and leisure facilities.

Organised outdoor sport allowed (children and adults).

Minimise travel. No holidays.

Outdoor parent & child groups (up to 15 parents).

STEP 2

At least five weeks after Step 1, no earlier than 12 April.

Indoor leisure (including gyms) open for use individually or within household groups.

Rule of 6 or two households outdoors. No household mixing indoors.

Outdoor attractions, such as zoos, theme parks and drive-in cinemas.

Libraries and community centres.

Personal care premises.

All retail.

Outdoor hospitality.

All children's activities, indoor parent & child groups (up to 15 parents).

Domestic overnight stays (household only).

Self-contained accommodation (household only).

Funerals (30), wakes, weddings, receptions (15).

Minimise travel. No international holidays.

Event pilots begin.

STEP 3

At least five weeks after Step 2, no earlier than 17 May.

Indoor entertainment and attractions.

30 person limit outdoors. Rule of 6 or two households indoors (subject to review).

Domestic overnight stays.

Organised indoor adult sport.

Most significant life events (30).

Remaining outdoor entertainment (including performances).

Remaining accommodation.

Some large events (except for pilots) - capacity limits apply. Indoor events: 1,000 or 50%. Outdoor other events: 4,000 or 50%. Outdoor seated events: 10,000 or 25%.

International travel - subject to review.

STEP 4

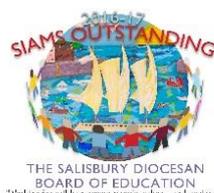
At least five weeks after Step 3, no earlier than 21 June. By Step 4, the Government hopes to be able to introduce the following (subject to review):

No legal limits on social contact.

Nightclubs.

Larger events.

No legal limit on all life events.



System of controls – these systems are vital to keep us all safe!

Pupils, staff and other adults **must not come into the school** if:

- they have one or more coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
 - a high temperature
 - a new continuous cough
 - a loss or change to sense of smell or taste
- they have had a positive test
- they have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)
- anyone in their household or support or childcare bubble develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)
- they are required to isolate having recently travelled from certain other countries
- they have been advised to isolate by NHS test and trace or the PHE local health protection team, which is a legal obligation

If anyone already **in school** develops a new and continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must:

- be sent home to begin isolation - the **isolation period includes the day the symptoms started** and the **next 10 full days**. You will need to pick up your child ASAP.
- follow the guidance for households with possible / confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection
- arrange to have a test as soon as possible to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19)

Other members of their household (including any siblings and members of their support or childcare bubble if they have one) should self-isolate. Their isolation period **includes the day symptoms started** for the first person in their household, or **the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms**, whether this was a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test), and the **next 10 full days**. If a member of the household starts to display symptoms while self-isolating they will need to **restart the 10 day isolation** period and book a test.

If anyone tests positive whilst not experiencing symptoms but develop symptoms during the isolation period, they must **restart the 10 day isolation** period from the day they developed symptoms.

Hygiene

Handwashing/sanitising will continue to be essential in school. If your child gets sore hands please provide moisturiser. We have a small number of children who are allergic to the hand sanitiser and we must use one which contains at least 70% alcohol so children who are allergic must use soap and moisturiser.

Attendance is mandatory from 8th March

All children are expected to return to school and normal attendance procedures will apply.

Start and End of the Day

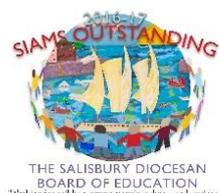
- As before, Early Birds opens at 8am (please book in advance on ParentPay giving us 72 hours' notice) and school opens at 8.50am. School finishes at 3.15pm but YR can be collected from 3.10pm.
- Children should be dropped at their classroom door at 8.50am and collected from their classroom door.
- We ask that all adults socially distance from other parents when dropping off and picking up and please do not congregate at any time on the school site.
- On entering the school reception area, please wear a face covering and keep 2m distance from others.
- If you have urgent messages for the teachers please email or phone the school office.
- Only one adult should accompany your children to and from school.

Bubbles

We will go back to having class-size bubbles and our aim is to keep these groups at least 2m apart from other groups where possible, including break and lunchtimes.

Testing for Staff

School staff test themselves at home twice a week using a Lateral Flow Device. There are no plans to introduce lateral flow tests for primary aged pupils at present.



School Activities

- The normal curriculum will continue and if a child is absent due to Covid related reasons then remote learning will be provided. This will be sent via email but please upload work back to the teacher via Seesaw. If a whole class bubble has to self-isolate then the work will be set via Seesaw.
- We will not be resuming school led after school clubs yet (including cookery) and will review this at Easter. Providers for football or Taekwondo may wish to run their clubs but we are waiting to hear from them about dates.
- Individual and group music lessons will resume.
- The children will need to come to school in PE kit on their PE days.
- Class assemblies will continue but we can not invite parents in to assemblies.
- No performances with an audience of parents are allowed.
- We will provide a personal pack of frequently used equipment for every child (pencil, rubber, pens etc).
- The static play equipment on site is only for use during school time, when we can ensure adequate hand sanitisation and it is only used by the same consistent classes.
- Reading books will be coming home. We then quarantine the books before they go back into circulation.
- The normal ordering and payment systems continue for hot lunches.
- The children will play and eat in their class 'bubble' at a safe distance from other bubbles.

School Trips and Residential trips

The government advise against ALL educational visits at this time although we can still take children on walks in our local area. Also, nationally no domestic overnight stays are allowed until at least 17 May in step 3. Unfortunately, this means that our Y5 trip to Devon cannot go ahead as when we re-booked the only week available was 4th May. I know it's a great shame but there is nothing we can do except ensure that all money paid will be refunded in full.

Y6 Bikeability

Y6 will be doing bikeability in their first week back as this was already re-arranged for 8th March – again the only date available to us. Mr Howell will be in touch about which groups will do which days.

World Book Day

We think it would be fun to celebrate World Book Day this year with children dressing up as their favourite book character. The teachers will organise various book themed activities. Instead of dressing up on the official World Book Day, when the majority of the children will still be at home, we have decided to hold it on **Friday 12th March** as a nice way to celebrate the end of our first week back together! It also gives parents a bit more time to think about costumes! We will be sending out the £1 World Book Day book tokens once all the children are back in school.

Virtual Library on School Website!

I have arranged for a page to be added to our school website so that there are some story books read by different authors. There is even a shelf of Julia Donaldson films to watch based on her wonderful books! This is such a great resource! <https://www.broadchalke.wilts.sch.uk/our-virtual-library>

Red Nose Day in aid of Comic Relief Friday 19th March

It's not the best time for children to be wearing red noses (think germ control!) so instead we are going to have a day when children can **wear red** (whatever they want so long as it is warm enough and practical). Parents will be able to make their donation via ParentPay to avoid anyone handling money and we can have a day with laughter and jokes which is what we all need right now!

Finally

You have all done so well with mastering our new learning platform 'Seesaw' and joining in with the daily Zoom calls. Hang on in there everybody! Hope is just around the corner!

Yours sincerely,


Mrs Amanda Brockway
Headteacher

