



1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents

### **SCHOOL REOPENING – 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021**

By now you will know that the Government has announced that all schools must return fully on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. As we have done throughout this crisis, we have digested and discussed their guidelines before informing parents of the procedures and processes that we will be putting in place.

#### **GENERAL**

Our enhanced cleaning regimes will remain in place and all children will continue to be encouraged to wash their hands frequently and use the hand sanitisers provided.

#### **EXPANDING PODS**

In line with the Government guidelines, we will be keeping our pods of children to entire year groups. Pods will continue to be kept separate as we have done since the reopening last June.

#### **SCHOOL DAY - TIMINGS**

To keep the number of people on site to a minimum we will have to continue to stagger the start and finish times for all the year groups. Therefore, please find below the timings, entrances and exits for each year group:

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Entrance Time</b>	<b>Exit Time</b>	<b>Entrance/Exit</b>
R	8:45am	3:25pm	Year R entrance
1	8:45am	3:30pm	via the front door
2	8:45am	3:30pm	via the Creative Studio
3	8:45am	3:35pm	via the front playground
4	8:30am	3:10pm	via the front playground
5	8:30am	3:10pm	via the front playground
6	8:30am	3:10pm	via the front playground

#### **DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP**

We are going to have to continue to rely on parents to help us with social distancing whilst on the school site at both ends of the school day and we request that, as before, only one adult brings your child/ren to school and picks them up. We also ask that all adults coming on to the site wear a face covering.

#### **SCHOOL LUNCHES**

Hot school lunches will be available, but with the reduced menu (copy attached). Lunches are free to children in Years R, 1 and 2 and cost £1.94/day (£9.70/week) for children in KS2. Cheques should be made payable to Caterlink Ltd.

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### **WHAT TO BRING TO SCHOOL**

We would like the children to bring in as little as possible, therefore can we suggest that you send them in with only the necessities such as a bag, a coat, their lunch, a water bottle and a reading book.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Whilst attendance at school from 8<sup>th</sup> March is compulsory and we will be reverting to our usual attendance procedures including the follow-up of all unexplained absence, we completely understand that some parents and children may be anxious about returning. The pastoral support we offer is superb, so we are fully expecting that to be well used when the children return. Once again, we will be concentrating on getting the curriculum going but our focus will most certainly be the wellbeing of the children, doing everything possible to ensure they are happy and settled in their classes.

### **BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

Our extended hours provision will be open as normal. If you would like your child/ren to start using this service and haven't yet completed an application form, please get in touch with Joanna.

### **EVENTS**

As you know we are always extremely optimistic but, for the time being, all events in school that parents would usually attend will be postponed or cancelled; we will let you know on a case-by-case basis should that information differ.

### **AND FINALLY...**

Yahooooo!!! The children are coming back – we cannot wait!!

The news of schools fully reopening has been so welcome for everyone. It is, after all, what we all have wanted for some time and we have truly missed the children. This must be the start of the end, surely! All going well, we should get the opportunity for some sort of celebration in the Summer when all the restrictions have been lifted, so watch this space...

Thank you so much for all that you have done during this incredibly strange time, we really do appreciate all the support you give us. Working together is something we will need to continue to do in order to ensure that our children settle back in to school, so please, if you have any worries or concerns let us know either by email, phone or catching us on the gate.

We have managed so well during all the other lockdowns and reopenings that I am confident that this final time will be no different. I am sure that there will be some challenges in the next few weeks but as usual we will roll our sleeves up and deal with it... just as long as I haven't got to cook dinner again!

I look forward to seeing you all next week!

Yours sincerely



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