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Arrangements for school re-opening 8 March 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

Please see below arrangements for the return of your child from 8th March 2021. These plans are not dissimilar to what was in place in the Autumn term. Each teacher will be sending a newsletter with any information relevant to individual classes.

Staggered starts / pick ups

- We ask only 1 adult per family come onto the yard. Adults must socially distance when on school premises and follow the one way system (enter via alley way, exit via car park)
- All adults must wear face coverings when on school premises, and try not to arrive too early for your designated year group times.

Year group	Drop off via own year group doors	Pick up from own year group doors
Reception	9.00 – 9.10am	2.40 – 2.50pm
Year 1	8.40 – 8.50am	2.50 – 3.00pm
Year 2	8.50 – 9.00am	3.00 – 3.10pm

- Items from home
- No water bottles in school -we will provide paper cones and water in each class.
- Book bags are allowed, books will continue to be sent home
- Pencil cases – if possible every child to bring a pencil case and pencils from home to be kept in their trays. Alternatively school will provide every child with their own pencil case.



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PE

- Children should come to school in their PE kits on PE days (these will be the same as the Autumn term) Where possible PE will be outdoors, and we will also be using our outdoor classrooms across the week.

Music

- Each class will have a music session video with Mrs Boyd that they will access across the week.

Curriculum

- Every teacher will be assessing their class during the 3 weeks up to the Easter break, and a recovery curriculum will be put in place. Also, extra intervention sessions will be in place where needed. Mrs Feehally will continue to post an English and a Maths video onto Showbie weekly for all Year 2 children to access.

Lunch arrangements

- Each class will remain in their class 'bubbles' for lunch, and hot meals will be provided from our kitchen. Meals will be eaten in the hall at class tables, then playtime will be in a designated outdoor area for each bubble.

Playtimes and use of outdoor classrooms

- Each class bubble has their own area for playtimes and there is a timetable in place for outdoor classrooms. Classes will not be allowed to mix with other class bubbles.

Social distancing

- The Government guidelines do not expect young children to socially distance, so our classrooms reflect this. There are reduced resources, and enhanced cleaning. Every classroom has a hygiene station which includes hand sanitiser, wipes and tissues, and we encourage children to wash their hands throughout the day. There is a clearly marked teacher zone to enable adults to socially distance.

Face masks and PPE

- Primary schools are not expecting children to wear masks. Staff will wear face coverings in corridors and communal areas, and transparent masks are available for during teaching time. We do have



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supplies of PPE for staff to wear when supporting children with toileting plans, or if there is a suspected case of COVID 19.

Breakfast and After school Clubs

- Cinema club, breakfast club and after school clubs will all resume from Monday 8th March, and further information will be e mailed to families who access these facilities.

Self isolation

- Should a member of staff or a child in a class bubble display signs or symptoms of COVID 19, they must take a test as soon as possible. If there is a confirmed positive result the whole class must isolate for 10 days. We ask that you have a back up plan in place should this occur, as this could be triggered with little notice. If any household member is awaiting test results, then the whole house must isolate until the results are back, and again can I remind you that if any household member tests positive then the whole household must isolate. At present school staff are taking lateral flow tests twice a week, and this will continue until into the Summer term.

All of our plans are subject to change due to Government guidelines, but we will keep you informed of any changes. If you have any questions or worries please get in touch by e mail (office@hvi.org.uk) or telephone (0191 5947962). We do ask that you only come into school if it is a matter of urgency as we are restricting the number of visitors in the building. Our Family Liaison Officer Mrs Gibson has been working hard to support some families during lockdown, and she is continuing in this role moving forward, so if you would like any support, have any worries or questions, please get in touch. She will be running some groups in school to support children who may be struggling to re-integrate back into school after such a long, unsettling time.

Many thanks, and I hope you have managed to enjoy time with your children in what has been an extremely difficult situation for families. Myself and the rest of the staff are really looking forward to welcoming your children back!

Yours sincerely



Mrs Smith

Head Teacher



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