



Headteacher: Mrs V Giliker

23rd February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Update for the return to school for all children from 8th March**

I hope you and your families are well and enjoyed a break at half term. Last night, it was announced that all children should return to school from Monday 8th March. We are looking forward to welcoming all the children back once again and we will be following the latest guidance to ensure we have safety measures and systems in place to allow things to run smoothly. This letter outlines arrangements for the 8th March onwards.

Children will return to school in their usual classes and these will be in the 'bubbles' that we had before Christmas:

- Nursery
- Tiger and Parrot classes (Rec/Y1)
- Giraffes (Rec/Y1) and Year 2
- Year 3 and Year 4
- Year 5 and Year 6.

### **Safety Measures**

We will continue to follow the latest government guidance and risk assessments. These include the following safety procedures:

- Children will wash their hands on arrival and regularly throughout the day, including before and after breaks and meals.
- We will continue to clean surfaces, touch points and resources more frequently.
- Break and lunchtimes will be staggered and bubbles will either use separate outdoor areas or go out at different times.
- The latest guidance states that children of primary age are not to wear face masks in school. Staff are advised to wear face masks/coverings when moving around school, and may remove them when teaching their class.
- Staff are carrying out home coronavirus tests twice weekly.

### **Drop off and Collection Arrangements**

We will return to 2 drop off and collection times to reduce the numbers of people on site and help with social distancing (see table below for your child's drop off and collection times). Arrangements are as they were before Christmas.



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| Class  | Start time | Drop Off/Collect   | End of day |
|--|------------|--|------------|
| <b>R/Y1 Tigers</b><br>Miss Murray            | 8.45am     | Gate by disabled parking space,<br>near Reception playground | 3.15pm     |
| <b>R/Y1 Parrots</b><br>Miss Wallace          | 9.00am     | Gate by disabled parking space,<br>near Reception playground | 3.30pm     |
| <b>R/Y1 Giraffes</b><br>Miss Marsh           | 8.45am     | Little gate near the main entrance                           | 3.15pm     |
| <b>Y2 Monkeys</b><br>Miss Gough              | 9.00am     | Little gate near the main entrance                           | 3.30pm     |
| <b>Y2 Leopards</b><br>Miss Samadram          | 8.45am     | Main gate on infant playground                               | 3.10pm     |
| <b>Y3 Mulberry</b><br>Mrs McNamara/Ms Bourne | 9.00am     | Mulberry classroom fire door                                 | 3.30pm     |
| <b>Y3 Rowan</b><br>Ms Carver                 | 8.45am     | Rowan class fire door  | 3.15pm     |
| <b>Y4 Willow</b><br>Mr Kilgallon             | 9.00am     | Main gate on infant playground                               | 3.30pm     |
| <b>Y4 Ash</b><br>Ms Williamson               | 8.45am     | Main gate on infant playground                               | 3.15pm     |
| <b>Y5 Elm</b><br>Miss Wetton                 | 9.00am     | Main gate on infant playground                               | 3.30pm     |
| <b>Y5 Birch</b><br>Mr White                  | 8.45am     | Main gate on infant playground                               | 3.15pm     |
| <b>Y6 Oak</b><br>Mrs Nuttall                 | 9.00am     | Main gate on infant playground                               | 3.30pm     |
| <b>Y6 Maple</b><br>Mrs Rushworth             | 8.45am     | Main gate on infant playground                               | 3.15pm     |

- Parents/carers are not allowed in the school building unless in an emergency. If you need to contact school, please either speak to the member of staff meeting the children or email/phone the school office.
- Wherever possible, children are to be brought to school by one adult only.
- Please ensure you socially distance on your journey to and from school and do not congregate in groups on the way to school or outside the gates.
- In line with advice from Derbyshire Public Health, we ask that parents/carers wear a face covering on the school run.



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- Please walk to school wherever possible, rather than bringing cars. This will help reduce traffic on site and make it safer.

### Uniform and Equipment

- Please send children to school in their school uniform; they will also need to have a PE kit in school to change in to.
- Please send your child with a freshly filled, named water bottle every day.
- Children in the Juniors may bring in two healthy snacks (fruit/cereal bars) for morning and afternoon break.
- Infants will need one healthy snack as fruit is provided by the Government for morning break.
- Please only send your child into school with essentials, such as lunch boxes, hats, coats, books and stationery.
- Book bags are allowed but will go home on a Monday, stay at home for the week and will need to be brought back to school on a Friday so books can be changed.

### Catch Up

Once the children have settled back into school, we will be assessing their learning to check for any gaps. The majority of children have either been in school, or have engaged well with the remote learning at home. Thank you for everything you have done to support home learning – we know it has been very challenging at times!

### Lunch Time

Arrangements for lunchtimes will continue as before Christmas:

- Junior children will eat their lunch in their classrooms (tables will be cleaned before and after eating).
- Infant children will eat their lunch in 2 separate sittings in the hall (tables cleaned between bubbles).
- Nursery children will eat together
- All school meals must be paid using School Money. Please do not send cash into school.
- If your circumstances have changed and you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals, please use the link below to check eligibility: [Application form for free school meals for DCC](#)

### Before and After School

From 8th March, before and after school provision, clubs and sports will be able to operate once again. Playdays Breakfast and After School Club will be resuming from 8th March (from 7:30am). Children attending Playdays will need to be dropped off and collected from the main school



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entrance and will be using the library as before Christmas. Please see the email sent out earlier today for booking information. Chris Hill Community Sports will be restarting after school sports – date to be confirmed. More information and a booking link will be sent to you in a separate email once details have been finalised.

### Coronavirus Cases

In the event of there being a confirmed positive case of coronavirus in school, we will follow the advice for schools, and wider public health advice and guidance. The current advice remains in place: Do not send your child to school if:

- they are showing [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#)
- someone in their household is showing symptoms

[Arrange a test](#) if you or your child develops symptoms. Inform us as soon as possible of the results. If the test is positive, follow [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#), and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.

### Finally...

We are really looking forward to seeing all the children on the 8th March. I am sure the children will be excited to see their friends and enjoy face to face learning in school. If you have any worries or questions about the return to school, please get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Giliker (Headteacher)



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