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Dear Parents/Carers,

Whole-School Return - March 2021

Following the Prime Minister's announcement, Monday 8th March sees the return of all primary-aged children to full-time, on-site schooling as the first step in the Government's route to recovery roadmap. This third period of lockdown has taken its toll on everyone and I know we are all desperate for a return to some sense of normality. I, and all the staff, are very much looking forward to having all of our children back in school.

The constantly re-iterated message, however, is that we should not relax too early. To ensure that the school is as safe as possible for our children, parents and staff and to prevent class 'bubbles' from isolating at home, we ask that the following procedures continue to be adhered to:

- Only one parent should bring their child/ren to school
- Stay 2 metres apart from all other adults
- Drop off/pick up quickly, do not gather on the playground or at the school gate.
- Arrive promptly at your allocated time (either via the entrance on Victoria Terrace or the main gate on Bickershaw Lane). Do not arrive early. If you are going to arrive late, phone the school office and you will be advised when it is safe to bring your child into school.
- For Reception and KS1 children - on arrival children should go straight to their line on the infant playground and stand on the markers and await collection by their teacher.
- For KS2 children - on arrival children should go straight to their line on the junior playground and stand on the markers and await collection by their teacher.
- Ensure children have everything they need with them when they arrive. Office staff cannot deliver forgotten items to classrooms as they cannot enter class bubbles.
- If parents have an appointment to visit the school office - Line up on the ramp, wait until foyer is clear and leave via the steps.
- Reduce any unnecessary travel on public transport.
- We recommend that parents wear a face covering on school grounds for their own safety.
- Children must not play on the playground or fixed equipment before or after school.



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- Children will remain in their class ‘bubbles’ which they will stay in for their lessons, lunch times and break times. **They should not be mixing outside of school.**
- Children will not be allowed to bring bags or other items into school to minimise cross contamination.
- If your child brings a packed lunch, it must be in disposable packaging.
- Children can wear additional layers beneath their uniform to allow for good ventilation in the classrooms, without them feeling cold.
- If you need to contact your child’s class teacher, use the class email or via SeeSaw.

Breakfast Club will be operating but places will be limited. **Please only use this service if absolutely necessary.** The infant children can be dropped off at the usual fire door from the infant yard and go straight to the hall. The children in the juniors can enter the hall via the soft play area following the path around school next to the junior classrooms.

For those not requiring Breakfast Club the following arrangements will be in place:

Reception children

- Arrive at school at 8:40am
- Line up immediately standing on the markers on the infant playground
- Wait for collection by class teacher
- Leave school at 3:20pm

Y1 children

- Arrive at school at 8:50am
- Line up immediately standing on the markers on the infant playground
- Wait for collection by class teacher
- Leave school at 3:30pm

Y2 children

- Arrive at school at 9:00am
- Line up immediately standing on the markers on the infant playground
- Wait for collection by class teacher
- Leave school at 3:40pm

Y3/4 children

- Arrive at school at 8:40am
- Line up immediately standing on the markers on the junior playground
- Wait for collection by class teacher
- Leave school at 3:20pm

Y4/5 children

- Arrive at school at 8:50am
- Line up immediately standing on the markers on the junior playground
- Wait for collection by class teacher
- Leave school at 3:30pm



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Y5/6 children

- Arrive at school at 9:00am
- Line up immediately standing on the markers on the junior playground
- Wait for collection by class teacher
- Leave school at 3:40pm

Attendance

The government has stated that it is vital for all children to return to school to minimise the longer-term impact of the pandemic on children's education, wellbeing and wider development. School attendance will be mandatory again from 8th March. This means from that point, the usual rules on school attendance will apply.

Illness/suspected symptoms of Coronavirus

As per the current NHS and government advice, you must immediately self-isolate if you have coronavirus symptoms or live in the same household as someone who does. The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- High temperature (feel hot to touch on chest or back)
- A new, continuous cough (coughing a lot for 1 hour or more, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24hours)
- Loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

Anyone who has one or more of these symptoms must self-isolate straight away for 10 days and seek a test.

If you live in the same household as someone with coronavirus symptoms, you must self-isolate immediately for 10 days (or until the symptomatic person receives a negative PCR test result).

More information and guidance can be found on the NHS website

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

If anyone in your household becomes unwell, or you believe you may have been exposed to coronavirus, or you have been contacted by NHS Test and Trace, we ask that you notify us immediately in order that we may take the necessary steps at school.

I appreciate there is a lot of information contained within this letter but please be assured that our procedures are very similar to before Christmas. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our children back to school next week.

Thank you for continued support, patience and understanding at this difficult time.

Kind regards

A.Taberner

Headteacher



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