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Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the Prime Minister's announcement, the reopening of schools is a priority for the nation. I am sure you are as thrilled as we are about the children returning to school, signifying the start of the gradual easing of lockdown restrictions from 8th March. We understand the impact this lockdown has had on many of our children and cannot wait for them to be back in school. I am writing today to clarify how we aim to do this.

Returning to school

To ensure safe arrival and departure, drop off and pick up will be staggered:

Class/Year	Drop Off Time	Pick Up Time
Reception – Oak Class Year 1 – Apple Class	8.40am – 8.50am	2.55pm
Year 2 – Cherry Class	8.40am – 8.50am	3.05pm
Year 3 – Silver Birch Class	8.50am – 9am	3.05pm
Year 4 – Copper Beech Class Year 5 – Willow Class Year 6 – Yew Class	8.50am – 9am	3.15pm

We have made a few changes to hopefully improve drop off and pick up. As the weather is improving, if you can walk, or park and walk, please do, maintaining social distancing and wearing masks once within the school car park. Please do not stay and chat outside the school gates. The drive through carousel remains in place. Please do not get out of your car unless essential.

DROP OFF

There will be a walkway on the left hand side of the car park. Children will be able to get out of their car and walk behind the barriers at any point from the start of the barrier area. Siblings may be dropped with the youngest child. Parents whose child is tearful or anxious that day may still wait until the top gate to pull over but we are hoping this will be a rarity.

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Children in Oak Class and Apple Class (R and Yr 1), will still muster with their teacher inside the gate. All other year groups will make their way to their classrooms.

Pick Up

Please stick to your time slot as much as you can; I know it can be tricky to time the queue! **Siblings can now be collected with the youngest child.** Parents and carers can collect their child from the class teacher behind the barriers at the pick up times stated. Older siblings can be collected from the main gate. This may mean two stops in the queue.

I am sure there will be teething problems as with any new system but please bear with us whilst we get this up and running. We will review it regularly.

In School

We have worked hard to review our risk assessment in line with Government Guidance for full reopening and the following protocols and procedures will be in place:

- First day for all pupils to return is Monday 8th March
- Children should be in full school uniform
- Only water bottles, lunch boxes, coats and reading books to be brought in to school
- Where possible, desks will be facing forwards
- Classrooms/ communal areas will be well ventilated – children may layer up and wear extra fleeces etc to keep warm
- Classroom resources will be limited and where possible, children will have their own equipment
- Children will return to their class bubble as before and will remain 2m from another bubble
- Classes will have staggered playtimes and lunchtimes - children will eat and play in their class groups
- Hot lunches will be on offer and need to be booked by 8.30am on the day via ParentPay
- Children are to wear PE kit to school on PE days
- PE will mostly take place outside
- Regular cleaning and wiping down of touch points and tables will happen throughout the day
- Visitors to school will be limited
- Assemblies will take place in classrooms
- The school office remains closed so please contact school via email or telephone
- All after school clubs are on hold
- Wrap around care will resume from Monday 8th March before and after school
- School staff are carrying out lateral flow tests twice a week
- Staff will be wearing masks as a minimum, in communal areas, if within 2m of an adult outside their bubble and when in close contact with a child eg for First Aid

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- The usual procedures for self-isolation are still in place regarding COVID19 symptoms. If a child develops symptoms whilst at school, they will be moved to the isolation room and cared for by a member of staff wearing PPE. Parents will be required to collect as soon as possible and arrange a COVID19 test
- Staff and children will continue strict handwashing practices at the beginning and throughout the day

As before, if your child displays any of the COVID-19 symptoms, please do not send them in to school.

Days to wear PE kit:

Oak Reception	Wednesday Friday
Apple Year 1	Monday Tuesday
Cherry Year 2	Thursday Friday
Silver Birch Year 3	Monday Thursday
Copper Beech Year 4	Monday Wednesday
Willow Year 5	Tuesday Thursday
Yew Year 6	Wednesday Friday

Mr Alexander and I, along with the whole staff are really look forward to seeing you and the children next week. Thank you for your ongoing support, patience, care and respect during these challenging times.

Mrs K Hart

Interim Deputy Headteacher