



NEWSLETTER

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Return to School

As you no doubt know, children in all year groups will return to school from March 8th. We are all looking forward to welcoming the children back and getting back into a routine. The staff and I have studied the new control measures and adjusted the risk assessments accordingly. Whilst there aren't too many significant changes, here is some information which will ensure everyone returns to school as safely as possible.

Arrival/Departure – We will continue with our 'soft' arrival at school with parents dropping off between 8.45 and 8.55am. Children should use the same entrances as before Christmas. Collection from school can be between 3.00 and 3.15pm. Could I also ask that parents don't congregate together whilst waiting/after dropping off and that children don't climb over the gate.

Bubbles – We will in effect be just one bubble, but we will keep each class separate during lessons and in the school building. There will be minimal crossover of children in corridors and some crossover at playtimes/lunchtime.

Classroom arrangement – as you are aware, the school isn't blessed with space and we will try to keep the children spaced out as much as is practicable. Assemblies and whole school events will not happen until after Easter at the earliest.

Staff testing – all staff will carry out lateral flow tests twice weekly

Cleaning – All surfaces will be cleaned frequently and thoroughly throughout the day as before. The children will continue to sanitise hands on entering and departing the building. We will also keep all classrooms well ventilated.

Before School Care – we intend to start this the second week back (w/b 15th March). Further details will be given when we are back at school.

After School Care/Clubs - we will hopefully start these after the Easter holidays.

PE Days – we will continue with PE days which are Rec: Weds, Y1/2: Mon, Y3/4: Tues (until Easter)and Thur, Y5/6: Weds.

Dinners – Dinners will be available from Monday 8th. We have the orders for dinners which would have been served at the start of January. We will keep the same menu and rather than re-issue a sign up menu, we will use what we have. A copy of the menu is attached with this e-mail.

Vistors in school will be kept to an absolute minimum.

Masks - these are not needed to be worn by pupils or staff in class, but may be worn by staff/essential visitors whilst moving around the school.

Catching Up – we are aware that all pupils have done varying amounts of work over lockdown and we will be discussing how best to tackle this in the next few days. However, we are also aware that the children have not had the routine of school or been able to socialise so will prioritise 'reconnecting' in the first few weeks. A planned Technology week that was cancelled in January will take place week beginning 22nd March.

In other news, next week is World Book Day and the teachers will be organising various activities, quizzes and dressing up opportunities for the pupils during the week.

If there are any concerns about the return to school, do get in touch. Otherwise, we all look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 8th March.