



Head Teacher: Mrs Jennifer M Gill

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that all children and families managed to enjoy the half term break and have had a good week – it has been lovely to see the sun shining!

We were delighted that the Prime Minister announced the return to face to face education from **Monday 8th March** and we look forward to welcoming all of our children back into school on that date.

The latest government data suggests that infection rates have fallen across all age groups and that it is the appropriate time to ease restrictions and get children back into school and on track to make good progress. I appreciate that parents may still have reservations and concerns but would like to reassure you that the control measures we have put in place are comprehensive; we have had very few cases within school and did not have any outbreaks (more than 1 case) within bubbles during the autumn or spring terms. Whilst we cannot remove the risk of transmission, we are confident that we are doing everything possible to reduce it.

We plan to re-open following the same structure and organisation that was in place before the Christmas break.

Start of the day

A flexible drop off for **all pupils** will take place between **8.45 and 8.55am**. Please do not come earlier and queue.

End of the day

Year group	Collection time	Location
Nursery	2.45 or 3.15	Nursery gate
Reception	3.15	Reception gate
Year 1	3.15	classroom doors
Year 2	3.15	classroom doors
Year 3	3.15	KS2 yard
Year 4	3.20	KS2 yard
Year 5	3.25	KS2 yard
Year 6	3.30	KS2 yard

Adults who drop off and collect are asked to wear face coverings and adhere to social distancing guidelines when on the school site. Only one adult should come to school for drop-off or collection and any other children should stay with them at ALL times.

Gathering at the school gates and coming into school without an appointment is not encouraged. Any queries or questions will need to be raised by email or telephone.

Breakfast and after school club

Places will continue for pupils who have a confirmed place. If you no longer need your place, please contact the office as there is a waiting list. Please ensure that any arrears are paid up to date or your place will be withdrawn from 8th March and reallocated. Please do not park in the school car park when dropping off or collecting.

Equipment reminders

Please ensure that your child brings only the following items to school:

- a reading bag - reading book, journal, spelling book
- EYFS and KS1 children – a pair of wellies (these will stay in school)
- Reception and Nursery children – a change of clothing in a plastic carrier bag
- for packed lunch children – a small lunch bag or box – no loose items or plastic bags
- clean water bottle to be taken home each day

We will expect the children to be in **full school uniform** (an extra top may be worn as windows will be open), except for PE days, when they are asked to wear their school PE kit with black or navy joggers and a navy sweatshirt (with or without school badge). **Fashion clothing and football tops are NOT permitted for PE.**

Please do not send your child with a rucksack, large bag, pencil case or any other item; they will be sent back home. All items of clothing and belongings must be clearly labelled; children will be expected to look after their belongings and staff will not be allowed to hunt for items that children have lost and misplaced. Lost property unlabelled items will be disposed of.

Covid-19

It is important to note that although the picture is promising, it is still crucial that we continue to implement the control measures that are in place to reduce and mitigate any risks. All hygiene and limiting contact measures will continue to be implemented, as before, to mitigate the risk of infection: ventilation, increased handwashing and cleaning, bubble groups and social distancing.

We will continue to have in place all procedures in the event of an outbreak of CV19 within the school community in line with our Covid-19 Risk Assessment which is available to view on the school website.

The most important message remains the same – if your child, or any member of your household, has symptoms of Covid-19, you must keep your child at home, inform school and book a test for whoever is showing symptoms. Your child should not come to school until the test comes back negative or the period of self-isolation is completed.

If a child becomes ill whilst in school, we will isolate them, contact you immediately to collect them and advise you to arrange testing.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-covid-19>

Positive cases

In the event of positive cases of Covid-19 within the school, we will continue to take advice from the Local Health Protection Team and Public Health England and bubble groups will be asked to self-isolate in line with current guidance.

Remote Learning

If your child needs to stay at home and self-isolate or the class bubble is burst, we will continue to provide support for learning remotely, in line with our Remote Learning Policy. Weekly plans will be uploaded to the school website and pupils will have their home learning journals, along with their reading and maths workbooks. As teachers will be teaching full time in class from 8th March, feedback and support via Teams and Tapestry will not be provided unless the whole class is self-isolating. Paper packs will still be available if needed by arrangement with the school office.

Further details regarding remote learning when bubbles are burst will be sent out when the children return.

Attendance

Thank you to parents for supporting excellent attendance during the autumn term – we had an overall attendance of **97.3%** which is **fantastic** and every class had above 96% attendance. 70% of pupils had over 96% attendance and 44% had 100%! Fingers crossed that this positive picture continues through the spring and summer terms.

I sincerely hope that this marks the beginning of the return to ‘normal’ school life and that we do not have any further closures.

I would like to thank you once again for your ongoing support and understanding throughout the past year.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the full re-opening, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

With very best wishes



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