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Dear Parents/Carers

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We are so relieved to have heard the announcement that schools are opening fully on 8 March. As was indicated last week there are no significant changes to the arrangements we had in place before Christmas. The guidance for the DFE continues to state that we need operate in bubbles and to minimise the crossing of bubbles as much as possible for the safety of the whole school community.

Please ensure you read this letter very carefully as there is a lot of important information that you need to know in order for our plans on reopening to all pupils to be safe and successful.

Drop off/ Pick up times:

In line with government guidance we are continuing with the staggered drop off and pick up times to ensure there are not too many people congregating on school site at any one time – **at all times please remember to also adhere to social distancing guidelines when arriving to/leaving from school and whilst queuing.** The drop off and pick up system in place currently, has worked incredibly well and has worked because parents have adhered to the precise drop off and pick up times. You will be directed by staff on where to go when you arrive at school but it is a simple entrance/exit queuing system.

	Year Group	Drop off	Pick up
Please take note of these times:	Reception	08.55	14.50
	Years one and two	09.00	14.55
	Years three and four	09.05	15.10
	Years five and six	09.10	15.15

Drop off:

I cannot stress enough that the system will only work if we all play our part by being as punctual as we can – that means **not being early** as well as **not being late**; you will **not** be permitted to join the queue if you are early as other year groups will be arriving for their time slot. The timings are very tight, and this was done on purpose to support working parents who need to get off to work, however if the system doesn't run smoothly due to people not adhering to the times we will have to extend the drop off/collection times.

It is really helpful if you say your goodbyes before you get to the gate, so not to delay the drop off. It would be even more helpful if you could leave your child (key stage two) walk around the system by themselves. Once you drop them at the entrance gate the system is secure and manned by staff all the way until they reach their teacher. We are requesting that **only one adult** accompanies children to school unless absolutely necessary. Please do not arrive early and wait outside the gate, as this causes congestion for other families trying to get through. Remember to ensure you wear a face covering when dropping off/collecting.

If you have children in multiple groups, please drop off at the earliest child's time slot. For collection, if you have children in multiple groups you will need to collect at the allocated times, this is because of the amount of children leaving at each time slot.

Parents will not be permitted onto school site during drop off and pick up times; should you need to speak with the school office we ask that you ring the office and they will direct you further.



Social Distancing and hygiene:

It is very important that you talk to your child/ren about the importance of social distancing and good hygiene practices. We will continue with our processes in school on regular hand washing, sanitising of surfaces and equipment. Please speak with your child and explain that some things will be different and the way in which school runs will be different too; in this way you can help prepare them for their return. The government advice does not require the wearing of masks. If you choose for your child to wear a mask at school, it is their responsibility.

School Uniform:

All children are expected to wear school uniform. You will be notified in advance of your child's PE day and on that day the children are to come to school in their PE kit. There will be no PE in the first week. Please ensure your child is in the correct PE kit which is black shorts, red t-shirt, black slip-on pumps (indoor), trainers (outdoor) and tracksuit or similar for the colder months.

School bags/pencil cases:

Again to reduce the risk of spreading the virus we ask that you limit items brought into school to essential items only. Children can bring a pencil case (only necessary for key stage two) but it should only contain a minimum number of items and children are responsible in ensuring it is for their use only. **I would highly recommend you label the items.** I would also recommend that the items stay in school, again so you are limiting the cross contamination between home and school.

Lunch:

Your child can either bring a packed lunch to school or you can order a lunch from the school kitchen. Children are not permitted to gather in the school hall to eat their lunch. Children will remain in their assigned bubbles/classes to eat their lunch so as to reduce the risk of mixing with large numbers of children.

Isolation:

If your child displays any of the COVID-19 symptoms they should not attend school and seek to have your child tested. Please keep us informed if your child displays any symptoms.

If any child displays any signs of COVID symptoms whilst at school, they will be placed in isolation and you will be asked to collect your child and their siblings immediately. Until they are collected, staff caring for them in the isolation room will be wearing PPE.

If any child has their symptoms confirmed as COVID-19 then the staff and children in that bubble/class/year group will have to self-isolate for 14 days. You will be formally notified by school.

Home Test Kits:

Staff are now testing twice weekly for asymptomatic Covid. The DFE have stated that from 1 March households with school age children can also test should they wish to. You can collect packs from your nearest centre here: [Find your nearest rapid lateral flow test site.](#) This is not mandatory but it will help to reduce the risk of transmission the more people that test regularly.

Lockdown heroes:

Finally I have to such a huge 'thank you and well done' to you all for making it through the last 8 weeks of home-schooling. As a parent myself, I know how hard it has been juggling work commitments and trying to support your children with online learning. The children should be so proud of the resilience, commitment and effort they have shown over the last half term. There has been a lot of negativity in the media regarding the 'catch-up' that children will need, about 'falling behind' and 'lost education'. Children should not be burdened with this negativity at such a time. Children should be congratulated for their achievements and reassured that we will do what we always do, and support children to enable them to be the best that they can. We will be working very hard to support the children emotionally and give them back the routine and structure that school provides. We cannot wait to see them all walking back through the gate on Monday.

If you have any further questions please email or call the school office.

Yours sincerely



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