



Information for Parents Returning to School Happy & Safe on 8th March

Dear Families,

This document outlines plans for Monday when, once again we will all be back together in school. The staff cannot wait to have the pupils back and I hope for most of you, having the children back in school, where they belong, will allow your daily routine to become more 'normal'. Just to reiterate again, thank you so much for the incredible support you have dedicated to your child's remote learning over the past weeks. The benefit of it really is immeasurable and it has not gone unnoticed.

There is a lot of talk about 'catch up' in the media supported by, in my opinion, some very unhelpful rhetoric. Of course the children's learning has been severely disrupted, but the teaching staff and pupils will work hard together to ensure progress is made over time. There are elements of 'catch up' that are equally as important as academic: children need the opportunity in school to socialise, laugh, talk about their feelings and continue to develop a positive approach to their own learning which we intend to prioritise as a school.

Upon the full return to school, our Risk Assessment will be implemented as it was in the autumn term, based upon the following measures advised from Public Health England to minimise COVID 19 risks in school:

- a requirement that people who are ill stay at home;
- robust hand and respiratory hygiene;
- enhanced cleaning arrangements;
- active engagement with NHS Test and Trace;
- formal consideration of how to reduce contacts and maximize distancing between those in school wherever possible and minimize potential for contamination so far as is reasonably practicable.

The letter sent out for the September return to school is still available on our website and if you would like to see our current risk assessment, please contact us. This document will include only the main points so you are not overloaded with information!

Drop Off & Collection Times

Breakfast Club and Teatime club continue to run as usual. Bookings must be made in advance and if places are not cancelled in advanced, you will still be charged.

Breakfast Club: 7.45-8.45 (last serving of Breakfast is 8.30am)

Teatime Club: 3.15 – 5pm (late collection from Teatime Club will incur an additional charge)

Each year group will have staggered start and end times to the school day. The timings are the same as autumn:

| | Reception | Year One | Year Two | Year Three | Year Four | Year Five | Year Six |
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| Drop Off Location | Office | Y1 | Y2 | Y3 | Office | Y5 | Y6 |
| Drop Off Time | 9.00 | 8.45 | 9.00 | 9.00 | 8.45 | 8.45 | 8.45 |
| Pick Up Time | 3.15 | 3.00 | 3.15 | 3.15 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 |

On a morning, siblings can be dropped off together:

If you are a family who have more than one child in school, you are able to drop all of your children off at 8.45a.m. If you have more than one child at school but all of their class entry times are at 9a.m., you must continue to drop your children off at 9a.m. **You are not able to choose to drop your children at the later time of 9a.m. as that will result in missed teaching time for the cohorts that begin their day at 8.45am.**

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| Only one adult per family is permitted on the school site at one time and social distancing must be adhered to. |
| When collecting your child from their allocated exit, please stand away from the classroom/office door; your child will come to you. Unless not required to due to medical reasons, masks must be worn on the school grounds due to the large volume of adults in one place at once. It is your responsibility to pass this message to any adults who may sometimes collect/drop off your child. |
| Please do not encourage your child to play on the yard with children from other classes. |
| No one is permitted on the play trail. We have a strict cleaning routine and rota in place. If children play on there when not designated, it will be out of use to pupils for the coming/following day. |
| Uniform & Physical Activity |
| For the final three weeks up until Easter, children can continue to wear active wear to school rather than their uniform (please note, jeans and football tops are strictly not allowed and parents will be contacted if children are not wearing appropriate clothing or footwear for physical activity. Jewellery and nail varnish are also not permitted). This is for a number of reasons, primarily our increased focus upon sport and physical activity and also to support families by not insisting upon uniform when many shops are closed/pupils have grown out of shoes and clothing. Of course, you can send your child to school in uniform if you would prefer to. |
| Children will continue to have P.E. lessons weekly but we are excited to begin the Daily mile from Monday. To increase pupils' daily activity, we are adding time into the curriculum each day for children to run a mile (children will not have to run, they can just walk and they do not have to travel the whole distance of one mile!) |
| Outdoor learning will take place where possible |
| We still have a Lunchtime Sports' Coach – Mr. Adderson – working with us at lunchtime! |
| Please ensure that you send your child to school with a hat & sun cream or a waterproof and wellies so that they are prepared for all eventualities! |
| Children should bring a water bottle to school filled with water. It will be returned home every evening. It should be washed every night with hot, soapy water at home. |
| Our risk assessment still heavily relies upon ventilation so please ensure your child has something warm to wear in class that is not what they wear for a 'coat' on the yard. |
| Other Important Information |
| Please continue to use Reading Records/Homework diaries to sign when you have read at home with your child. These are a useful tool for communication. You will find important information in there including results of spelling tests etc. as well as the reading targets your child is currently working on. |
| British Science Week will take place during our first week back. The junior children will be taking part in a workshop from Beamish Museum and a lot of learning will be science based (including children finding our more information about Edward Jenner and the first ever vaccine!) |
| We are thrilled to announce that Mrs. Oliver is able to join us in school again from Monday! She will primarily be working with Year Six. Miss Carlin has been offered a job in another school for summer term but will be tutoring with us for the three weeks up until Easter. After Easter, Mrs. Oliver will cover many of the additional support that was due to be provided by Miss Carlin. |
| We will hold a Parents' Evening at the beginning of summer term when you will have the opportunity to speak to your child's teacher over the phone – more information to follow! |
| School Office |
| Cash is not accepted in school – please pay using ParentPay. |
| Adults are not permitted within the building without prior permission sought. For Breakfast & Tea Time club, where possible, ring for attention and then wait outside (pupils are able to wait in the foyer). |
| Lunches |
| School lunches will return to Week One on the current menu; a text reminder will be sent out to you this week. |
| We would like to remind you that we are a Healthy School so please see the brief information below about our drink, snacks and packed lunch guidelines for school: |



- Juice is strictly not allowed in school – water is the only drink permitted unless for medicinal benefits (permission needed from school)
- Neither chocolate bars nor sweets are not permitted in school lunch boxes or as a snack
- Children should not be eating large pieces of cake or doughnuts for lunch
- Playtime snacks should be fruit or a healthy cereal bar
- **Please be reminded that we are a nut free school due to a number of people having allergies. Please do not bring food into school that contains nuts.**

What if my child shows symptoms?

If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they will be sent home and advised to follow the 'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection' for 10 days and should arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19).

If your child becomes unwell, we will advise you to book a test – we expect all parents to be ready and willing to do this.

Staff and pupils **DO NOT** come into the school if they have symptoms of COVID-19 and will be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school.

Staff and pupils **DO NOT** come into school if they are informed that they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus.

If a pupil is awaiting collection, they will be moved (if possible) to a room where they can be isolated behind a closed door – they will remain under adult supervision.

If there is a positive case in school, a rapid risk assessment will be carried out to confirm who has been in close contact with the person during the period that they were infectious, and all contacts will be asked to self-isolate. In this case, our Remote Learning Policy will be followed.

If a pupil or member of staff member tests negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating. They could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu in which case will still be best to avoid contact with other people until they are better. If a child tests negative, other members of the household can stop self-isolating.

What will my child have to do to follow the procedures in school?

I can:

- listen to the adults in school carefully;
- use my own equipment. I will not share any of it or take someone else's things;
- learn how the new toilet system works and use my pass when I visit the toilet.
- walk down the corridors in the right direction;
- use a tissue when sneezing and coughing and put my tissues in a special bin. I will remember the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' slogan. I will not cough or spit at another person;
- try to avoiding touching my mouth, nose and eyes with my hands;
- wash my hands thoroughly;
- stay in the part of school that my teacher tells me to stay;
- tell an adult if I feel unwell;
- listen carefully to the adults in school and follow instructions.

If you would like to see our full risk assessment, it can be made available upon request. As always, if you need anything at all, please do get in touch.

Kind regards,

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