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Dear Families,

I hope you are all well and excited about the return to school next week. We cannot wait to welcome you all back! I am writing to you today to outline some of the plans. Most of these will be familiar to you, as we are generally returning to our operation during the Autumn Term.

First and foremost, please can I extend my heartfelt thanks for the support of the school and safety of the community. The sacrifices people have made to their own routines and commitments has been phenomenal. Thank you to you all for juggling everything you have done! Because of our collective effort, school feels safe currently and will continue to next week. Please do continue to follow the national guidelines, as there are so many more milestones to meet. However, we re-open next week with lots of hope for a brighter and freer summer!

As you will understand, the school staff have worked exceptionally hard to prepare for the re-opening next week. All of our thorough risk assessment, approved by the Local Authority and shared with unions, has been carefully considered. However, this all falls apart if it is not supported by families following the national guidance outside of school.

Class Time

Classes will return in a familiar way – with routines that will reassure children. Staff in school will carefully use an assessment-for-learning approach to assess and adapt their planning and timetable on both the academic aspects and the wider social, emotional and mental health factors. We recognise that belonging to a group of 30 is going to be another transition for pupils and this is factored into our plans on how we return to school.

Bubbles

The school will continue to operate with a bubble system. Each class acts as one bubble and contains consistent pupils and adults. This is followed through the whole day, including break and lunchtimes. The same format will continue upon the return to school, which will be familiar to children.

Face Coverings

Since January, staff in school have been wearing face coverings whenever out of their bubble's base or in situations where 2m distancing between adults cannot be maintained. This will continue. Therefore, children will encounter more adults wearing face coverings if they have not been in school provision since December.

Staff Testing

Since the end of January, all staff on-site complete two lateral flow tests per week. This aims to pick up asymptomatic cases of COVID. We have also been able to support other local settings with our testing kits. Families with school-age children are able to apply for test kits or attend testing sites. You can find details [here](#).

Trips and Visits

All trips and visits cannot currently run. We hope to see this eventually lifted, but will continue to provide a great deal of enrichment and our usual broad and balanced curriculum.





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Arrival and Collection

Below is a summary of the arrival and collection details. These are similar to before, with some tweaks. You might remember that we reviewed these for January. Changes in place since January are in green text. New changes for March are in blue text. These small changes collectively work to increase safety on-site. Please can I remind you that we expect all adults on-site to wear a **face covering** at arrival and collection times. This is because distancing at 2m is not possible in all areas of the school's external site.

Bubble	Entry Time	Entry Location	AM Waiting Area	Exit Time	PM Waiting Area	Exit Location
R	9:00	Playground Reception Gate	Playground near blue basketball hoop	3:00	Playground near blue basketball hoop	Playground / Reception grass
Y1	8:50	R / Y1 Gate	Outside Y1 Gate	3:10	Outside Y1 Gate	R / Y1 Gate
Y2	8:50	Junior Entrance	School Church Garden	3:20	Playground in reflection garden	Hall
Y3	8:55	Fire Door	Car Park	3:20	Outside green church garden gates	Junior Entrance
Y4	8:45	Fire Door	Car Park	3:30	Car Park	Fire Exit
Y5	8:45	Junior Entrance	Outside green church garden gates	3:30	Outside green church garden gates	Junior Entrance
Y6	8:45	Library Door	School Church Garden	3:35	Outside green church garden gates	Library Door

Belongings

We continue to keep belongings to the absolute minimum. The rationale behind this is to reduce the risk and likelihood of surface transmission. PE Days and Forest School Days will continue as before to reduce the need for changing in school.

Uniform

We recognise that your supplies of uniform at home might not be quite right for your child if they have suddenly grown! Over the next three weeks the expectation to wear uniform remains, however, we aim to be supportively flexible if needed.

Clubs and Music Tuition

Some clubs will continue, as will music tuition. All adults involved in these will also complete the twice-weekly testing and have specific protective measures. Details on clubs will be included in tomorrow's newsletter.

Parents' Consultations

These will take place during the week commencing 15/3/21. We will be using a system recommended by several schools and families locally. The focus of these will be on home learning, transition to school and learning behaviours. For this time, these will be just between the parents and teacher. They will be for 10 minutes and further details on how to book will follow. The system automatically ends the meeting at the end of the time. As always, we aim for a continued dialogue around your child's learning. Therefore, if you need to liaise further, please do get in touch.

We hope you find this summary useful. If you have any questions about any of the re-opening details, please do feel free to get in touch.

With best wishes, Chris Grey

