

2nd March 2021

Newsletter – returning to school 8/3/21

We are really looking forward to welcoming all the children back into school on Monday 8th March. To ensure that everything runs smoothly, I have written a few of the rules we are following below so that we can keep everyone safe. Please keep to them.

I know you will be pleased to see friends that you may not have seen for a few months and be tempted to stop and chat or catch-up, but can I please ask that parents do not congregate or stop and chat within the school grounds. Please keep the flow of parents and children moving so that we can all keep as safe as possible.

Coming into school – supporting social distancing

- **All adults should wear a facemask on school grounds.**
- School will be open from 8:30 – 9:00 to drop children off.
- School will be open from 2:45 – 3:10 to collect children
- School will close at 1pm on Wednesdays for staff planning and preparation. Any children who need to remain at school until 3:10 on Wednesdays should be done through arrangement. Please contact the school office.
- Parents should not cross the 2m yellow lines in front of classroom doors.
- A one-way system will be in operation around the school grounds – please keep to it.
- If you need to speak to your child's class teacher – please ring the school office on 01274 495934 to make an appointment or leave a message to pass on.

Afterschool clubs

- We will not be running after school clubs at present. We want to make sure the number of cases is low before we begin mixing children from different bubbles.
- From 15/3/21 we will be running morning activity club from 8am for those families who were attending in the Autumn term. We need to keep the numbers low and so are not able to offer it more widely at present.

Laptops/devices

If you have been loaned a laptop or tablet from school it needs to be returned now that the children are back. The office team will be contacting parents shortly to arrange a drop off time.

Symptoms/Cases of Covid

As before, you must report any symptoms or positive cases within your family to school. Please do not send your child to school if they, or anyone in the house has symptoms or has tested positive. Any child with symptoms must isolate at home for 10 days or return after a negative test result.

Attendance

All children are expected to attend school. If your child cannot attend school, you must ring and let us know. Travel outside the UK is prohibited at the moment, but any applications for extended leave should be made before you travel.



Risk mitigations

- No other equipment to be brought to school apart from a water bottle and a book bag.
- Uniform should be worn apart from PE day when children can come to school in PE kit.
- Ongoing cleaning and sanitising before and after school, and during the day.
- The school day has flexible start and finishing times to support social distancing whilst enabling parents to bring children from the same household to different bubbles.
- Children access their classroom from the school path, rather than the cloakrooms to avoid mixing of class bubbles.
- Regular and frequent handwashing and sanitising.
- Resources are allocated to bubbles and frequently used resources to individual children. Any resources shared between bubbles are sanitised or quarantined between use.
- Class bubbles will be kept separate where possible.

Communications

All letters and messages are sent to parents via our WEDUC app. If you have not signed up – please contact school for a special login code.

Homework and any remote learning will be delivered via our SeeSaw app.

Thank you again for the wonderful support you have shown us.
We will do the very best for your children.

Lorraine Martin
Headteacher