

Dear parent / carer,

I am sure you are all aware now that all children are expected to **return to school on Monday 8th March 2021**. We are so pleased to be able to welcome all the children back having not seen many children since before Christmas.

Before I share the plans for returning to school, I would just like to take the opportunity to thank all parents for their contribution and work in supporting the children with their remote learning. I know that working from home for many children (and parents) has not been easy or ideal in any way, however it has proved to be a successful way of ensuring learning can continue. Ensuring your child has accessed live remote sessions, as well as posting work, has meant that your child has continued to progress with their learning. Thank you for supporting all the teachers in their work by providing remote learning for your children during the latest lockdown.

Happily, we will be returning to some sort of normality on Monday 8th March. I know that many parents will be happy that children will return to school, however I am sure that some of you may still hold some anxiety around children returning having been in lockdown for so long.

In school, we have reassessed our safety measures and below are a few ways that everyone can continue to try and keep everyone as safe as possible.

What will school do to help?

- Year groups will be kept in 'bubbles' to limit contact with other children
- Separate break and lunch times
- Staff Lateral Flow Tests
- A high level of cleaning is kept up throughout the day, as well as after school
- Face masks for all staff when outside of their bubble

What can parents do to help?

- Face coverings must be worn on school site at all times
- Use the one-way system when picking up and dropping off children
- Do not arrive early and gather in groups at the gate
- Maintain distancing from different families
- Only one parent to pick up and drop off children
- Come alone and not with a group of friends/other parents
- Stick to the pick up/drop off times (on the reverse of this letter)

What can children do to help?

- Try to keep distanced from children not in their bubble
- Keep washing their hands at many different points throughout the day
- Stick to using their own equipment in the classroom

Attendance

When school reopens, **it is compulsory for all children to attend** and non-attendance will be followed down the same routes i.e. phone calls, letters and possible fines. We really hope that all children will be back on Monday 8th March and we can try to hit our 96% target this year. Children have missed so much quality face-to-face education I would really urge you to make sure your child attends every day from now until the end of the year.

Pick up/drop off times for Spring Term (from Monday 8th March 2021)

	Drop Off	Pick up
Nursery	8.40 - 8.55	3.00
Reception	8.40 - 8.55	3.00
Y1	8.40 - 8.55	3.05
Y2	8.40 - 8.55	3.10
Y3	8.40 - 8.55	3.10
Y4	8.40 - 8.55	3.05
Y5	8.40 - 8.55	3.10
Y6	8.40 - 8.55	3.15

All children will be able to be dropped off in between 8:40am and 8:55am – your child will not be late if you drop them off at 8:55am. We will keep the gate open for 15mins in the morning and children will be able to come into class any time during those 15 minutes.

The children will need to be picked up at their specific pick up time. We have allocated this time so parents do not have to stand and wait outside classrooms for a long time, therefore reducing crowding in the playgrounds.

Breakfast Club

We have previously provided toast for children in classrooms due to us not running a breakfast club. From Monday 8th March we will be returning to running our breakfast club. As the breakfast club will now be running, toast will no longer be offered in classrooms.

There will be some key changes to breakfast club:

- Children will be sat in year groups to ensure bubbles are not crossed
- Breakfast Club will now be £1 a day per child
- You must book your child in a week advance if you would like them to attend
- Children will come through the EYFS entrance, children must space out as they line up
- Parents need to pay via parentpay in advance of attending breakfast club
- If fees aren't paid then children won't be able to attend until debt is paid
- Number of children will be limited to ensure distancing in the hall
- The door will be open between 8am – 8:15am only.

If you would like to book your child in for breakfast club next week, please contact the school office as soon as possible. We would encourage parents to only use this if it is absolutely necessary, as we want to keep numbers as low as possible.

If you have any queries about the return to school, please do not hesitate to contact the school office this week to discuss this with either your child's class teacher or Mr Herrick.

We are so excited to see all the children back on Monday and continue to give the children the best education they deserve. Thank you for your continued support, long may this continue for the remainder of the year!

Yours sincerely,

Mr T Herrick
Head of Academy