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8th March Opening

Dear parents,

We are delighted to be welcoming the children back on **Monday 8th March**. We are very pleased with the level of engagement on Google Classroom from them all, but we have missed them being in school. Please note that the Government expectation is that, unless pupils are self-isolating, they should all be attending school.

Unfortunately, despite the decrease in numbers of cases and deaths, we are still required to follow strict restrictions set out by the Department for Education. This is to ensure that we remain free of risk and open to all pupils; we do not want to have to close again. Staff at the school and Pre-school have not been invited to receive vaccinations as yet, but we will continue to carry out lateral flow tests twice a week until we are told not to.

So, we will continue to have staggered arrival and dismissal times as before. Below is a reminder.

Arrivals

Main school gate **8.30am** Years 3 & 4

Double gates (by the village centre carpark) **8.30am** Years 5 & 6

Main school gate **8.45am** Class R and Family Groups (only if the siblings are in different key stages, including Pre-School)

Double gates **8.45am** Years 1 & 2

Main school gate **9.00am** Pre-school only pupils.

Dismissals

All classes will be dismissed from the playground and parents will be invited in from the main gate a class at a time. Please do not come in until your child's class is called.

3.15pm-Years 3-6 and Family Group

3.30pm-Class R-2

3.45pm-Pre-School only pupils

We ask, where possible, for only **one adult** to bring the children to and collect them from school and that all adults wear a face covering unless they are medically exempt. We ask that you do not arrive early and if you are late to come to the front of school at the main reception entrance. Please wait at your identified gate at a social distance, and then move off. **Please do not congregate.**

If you need to speak to the office staff, please wear a face covering at the office hatch.

Children will remain in classroom bubbles and mix only with partner year groups outside in playground zones or distanced in the hall.



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All children must now return to wearing their school uniform and PE kits on their PE days from Monday 8th March. Please see the list below.

PE days

Class R-Thursdays and Fridays
Class 1-Mondays and Thursdays
Class 2-Mondays and Thursdays
Class 3-Mondays and Thursdays
Class 4-Mondays and Tuesdays
Class 5-Tuesdays and Wednesdays
Class 6-Tuesdays and Fridays

Please continue to only bring water bottles, lunch boxes and red book bags in from home. Please no backpacks or bulky pencil cases.

Guitar lessons will resume for Classes 3 & 4 from Tuesday 9th

Trumpet lessons will resume for Classes 5 & 6 from Wednesday 10th

Please ensure that your children bring their instruments every week for these lessons.

Lunch

The school menu for the 3 weeks leading to the Easter Break is now on ParentMail, please sign up in the usual way for these 3 weeks if you require a school lunch. Please remember if your child is in KS1 and entitled to a free lunch that you still need to fill in the options online.

Breakfast and After School Club

These clubs will resume from 8th March, but please remember that places for both must be booked **in advance** on ParentMail to allow us to plan and manage social distancing effectively. Please remember to wear a face covering when dropping off or collecting at the main school entrance.

I am so pleased that we managed to keep our school open for all critical worker and vulnerable children with no positive cases at all. That is down to the fact that all of us, staff and parents, have followed the guidelines carefully and kept our school community safe. Thank you for that!

Can I close by thanking you all for your support during the last 7 weeks. It has been a difficult time for us all in lots of different ways- with guidelines and restrictions and rules and remote learning coming at us from lots of different angles. I am extremely proud of the engagement of our pupils on Google Classroom and I am confident that they will very quickly settle back into normal school life and routines as a result of that engagement. I also want to thank the staff for the work they have been doing, ensuring that the work set is appropriate but also as much fun as possible to keep that engagement going.



M Croskell
Headteacher



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