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Dear Parents and Carers

Following the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday, I am writing to confirm that school will be open to all pupils from Monday 8th March. It is so important that children continue to engage with online learning until they return to school to ensure that they are best prepared to re integrate back into school life.

We will return to similar arrangements that were in place for the autumn term:

Arriving at school in the morning – a reminder

School will go back to opening from 8.45-9.00 for pupils to arrive in the morning with children going straight into their classes on arrival from 8.45am.

Kingfisher, Wagtail, Chickadee and Y5 Woodpecker pupils will go through the gate between school and Daisy Chain. Parents are not allowed past this gate. There will be a staff member present at the gate.

Children will go straight into their class from 8.45 accessing school via their class fire exit, washing their hands/using hand sanitiser as they enter the building.

Swan, Penguin and Y6 Hawk pupils can go through the gate at the front of school outside the Hawk classroom and walk round school to their classroom, entering via the fire exit door. Again, there will be a staff member present at the gate and no parents are allowed past the gate.

Only one parent to accompany child to school / pick up.

Please ensure that you arrive on time. If you are late then this can be distressing for your child. If you arrive after 9am then the gates will be shut. Our Admin team will phone through to the class and a TA will go round the outside to get the child.

The end of the school day – a reminder

We are reverting back to the stagger at the end of the school day to try to reduce the amount of parents and children being at school at one time.

Pupils in the Kingfisher, Wagtail and Chickadee classes will no longer have an afternoon break and will finish school at 3.05pm.

YR Kingfisher and Y1 Wagtails will go out of their fire door with staff leading the children to the gate between Daisy Chain and school where a parent will be waiting to collect them. Please can parents wait keeping socially distant.

Y2 Chickadees will be lead the other way round school to the gate outside Y6 where a parent will be waiting to collect them. Please can parents wait keeping socially distant. Please can you ensure that if you have younger children with you that they stand with you at all times and do not wonder around.

We will open the school gates from 3.00. Please can you not gather in groups at the school gates waiting to come in.

If you have a child/ren in the other classes then please wait in a line to collect them when they leave at 3.20pm.

Parents of pupils in the Swan, Penguin and Hawk classes, please do not arrive at school until 3.15pm so that the parents and children of the Kingfisher, Wagtail and Chickadee classes have time to leave the school site.

Y3 Swans will exit via the gate between school and Daisy Chain where a parent will be waiting to collect.

Penguin and Hawk children will go out via their respective fire doors and the green gate outside the Hawk classroom. Please can parents wait in accordance with procedures for Chickadee parents above.

Entering and exiting school

If you have children in the Kingfisher, Wagtail, Chickadee and Y5 Woodpecker class, please walk in the designated corridor between the staff cars and the swimming pool fence.

Other parents to walk down the path and children are to enter via the green gate outside the Hawk Classroom.

Please leave school by walking down the middle of the car park.

Bags

Children are not permitted to bring bags into school. Children will need to bring in lunch (if needed), water bottle, reading folder or book and coat.

Children should not bring stationary into school including pencil cases.

Uniform and PE Kit

Children will wear school uniform. However, if your child has a PE lesson then they should come dressed in their PE Kit, including wearing trainers.

Children will have PE on the following days:

Kingfisher Class	Monday and Wednesday
Wagtail Class	Monday and Tuesday
Chickadee Class	Tuesday and Wednesday
Swan Class	Monday and Wednesday
Penguin Class	Monday and Friday
Hawk Class	Tuesday and Thursday

Please can we remind you that PE Kit is a plain white T shirt and plain dark navy or black shorts. If the weather is cooler then they can wear their school sweatshirt over their PE top and they can also wear plain dark navy or black jogging bottoms. We plan for all children to do PE outside where possible, weather dependant.

Breakfast and After School Club

We plan for our Breakfast Club and After School Club to open to all pupils from the 8th March and for the hall to be used. Children will be kept apart in these clubs in their class bubbles. We would ask that all payments are made in advance for those sessions where you know you will need either of the clubs to limit money changing hands.

Breakfast Club

Please go to the gate between Daisy Chain and school and ring the bell. A member of staff will come to bring your child into school. Parents are no longer allowed past the green gate and we ask that only one parent brings and collects their child.

Children will have to stay seated at their table.

After School Club

Again, children will need to stay seated at their table in their class bubbles.

When picking up your child please come to the gate between school and Daisy Chain and ring the bell and a member of staff will come to open the gate.

School Lunch Situation

We will send menus out on ParentHub. They need to be returned by the 1st March please at the latest.

Face Mask

All adults entering the school premises must wear a face mask/covering as was previously the case. We thank you very much for your support with this.

Children do not need to wear a face covering in school. The bus children must continue to wear one when on school transport.

General

It is key to remember: Hands, Face and Space.

- Hands – wash hands regularly for at least 20 seconds.
- Face – for adults to wear a face covering when coming onto the school site. Currently there is no expectation for primary aged children to wear a face covering within school. The children travelling to school on the bus will continue to wear a face covering on the bus.
- Space – stay 2m apart from people you do not live with.

Please remember that if you or your children are showing symptoms of Coronavirus then stay at home, get a test and isolate until you get the result. Please inform school of this. If you have a negative test but still have symptoms you should stay at home until you feel well. You can stop isolating as long as:

- You are well.
- No one else in the household has symptoms or has tested positive for Covid 19.
- You have not been advised to self-isolate by NHS Track and Trace.

If any one pupil 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) during the school day, we will contact you and you must come straight away to school to collect your child.

If someone in your household has Covid 19 stay at home and self-isolate:

- Your isolation period includes the day the first person in your household's [symptoms](#) started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms), and the next 10 full days. This means that if, for example, your 10 day isolation period starts on the 15th of the month, your isolation period ends at 23:59 hrs on the 25th and you can return to your normal routine.
- If you do not have symptoms of COVID-19 yourself, you do not need a test. Only arrange a test if you develop COVID-19 symptoms or if you are asked to do so as part of a wider testing scheme. If for any reason you have a negative test result during your 10 day isolation period, you must continue to self-isolate. Even if you don't have symptoms, you could still pass the infection on to others. Stay at home for the full 10 days to avoid putting others at risk.
- If you develop symptoms while you are isolating, [arrange to have a COVID-19 PCR test](#). If your test result is positive, follow the advice for people with COVID-19 to stay at home and start a further full 10 day isolation period. This begins when your symptoms started, regardless of where you are in your original 10 day isolation period. This means that your total isolation period will be longer than 10 days.

Please can we remind you that your child must not come to school if you are unsure as to whether they have any of the above symptoms. Our staff will not let them in the building if they feel that any of these could be the case and you will be told to take them back home.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to welcoming all our pupils back to school on the 8th.

Kind Regards

Mr R. Allen
Headteacher