

Monday, 1st March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reopening information

Please find all the information below that you will need when the school reopens on the 8th March, 2021. We are really looking forward to seeing the children and we hope that they are excited about returning to school too. All children are expected to return to school and we ask that you follow the normal absence procedures if your child is unwell.

Please make sure that when you come onto the school grounds, you are wearing a face mask at all times, this includes older siblings. We ask that only one family enters the school foyer at any one time to ensure social distancing is met.

It is important to read the information carefully to make sure that we keep safe and that we do not have too many people on site at any one time. To reduce the amount of adults congregating on the playground, it is important that you do not come on site until the specified time. For those parents/carers with more than one child, please come at the **earlier time** in the mornings and we will ensure that the older sibling can go straight to their classroom at the same time. At the end of the day, the only adults waiting on the playground should be those with children in more than one Key Stage and we ask that you continue to maintain social distancing by standing at least 2 metres apart, at all times. Please ensure you drop children off on time. If you are later it will make it very difficult for the school to keep Bubbles apart.

We ask parents and children to use the gate that is closest to their route home, to avoid any unnecessary cross over of families. Parents are asked to limit the number of people who pick up children and ensure that children stay with the adult at all times.

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All children will need to bring a small bag which includes their reading books and planners, together with their water bottle. Children do not need any other equipment. Please remember to bring in any epipens or asthma sprays that were taken home during the closure period for children's use in school.

For **KS1** and **KS2**, children should come into school wearing their school uniform except on the days when they have PE. On these days, they will need to be wearing their PE kit all day, so please make sure that they have a suitable tracksuit with them during the cold weather. Your child's class teacher will let you know the days they have PE, once we are all back in school.

For **EYFS**, children will need to come into school wearing their school uniform every day and bring their PE kits with them, as they did in the autumn term.

EYFS

Children should arrive at school between 8.45 and 8.55am and should access their classrooms through the EYFS outside area, at the back of the playground. Teachers will meet the children at the gates. Parents should collect children in the same way at 3pm.

Year 1

Children should arrive at school between 8.45 and 8.55am and should go to the side playground. Children in Topaz class should enter through their classroom door and children in Moonstone class should enter through the door at the end of the building. Parents should collect children from this playground at 3pm.

Year 2

Children should arrive at school between 8.45 and 8.55am and should go to the front playground. Children in Diamond class should enter via the ramp and children in Amethyst class should enter through the door at the top of the steps. Parents should collect children from this playground at 3pm.

Years 3 and 4

Children should arrive at school between 8.55 and 9.05 am and should go to the front playground. Children should enter through the door at the top of the steps. Parents should collect from this playground at 3.10pm.

Years 5 and 6

Children should arrive at school between 8.55 and 9.05 am and should go to the side playground. Children should enter through the door at the top of the playground. Parents are asked to leave children at the gate unless there are exceptional circumstances. Parents should collect from the side playground at 3.10pm.

Can I remind you please that children must not come to school if they have:

- 1. A new/persistent cough
- 2. A high temperature
- 3. Loss of taste or smell

If your child has any of these symptoms, we would encourage them to be tested. They will not be allowed in school with these symptoms. Children should stay at home until the results of the test have been received. The school will need to see evidence the test result is negative before the child can return to school.

The YMCA will be operating as usual before and after school. They will be based in the lunch bar where parents should pick up and drop off. They will endeavour to mirror the groups we have in school.

School meals will be available as usual. We will be returning on our week one menu and a copy of this will be sent out at the end of this week. Children may bring packed lunches if preferred.

It will be lovely to actually meet you and the children. Please stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all on the 8th March.

Kind regards,

Mrs Gill Marrion Headteacher