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Dear parents and carers,

### **Welcome Back to School**

Children will return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March in full school uniform. We will be returning to full classes. Following government guidelines classrooms will continue to be organised to allow children to sit side by side facing forwards. Year Groups will be organised into 7 classes, as they always have been. It is accepted by the DfE, that it is not possible to maintain a 2m distance at all times of the day. School systems, timetables and routines will be organised to minimise contact between classes.

### **The School Day**

The aim is to stagger the number of children and adults arriving and leaving the school site at any given time. We are asking each year group to arrive and be collected at a specific time. Just as we did from September. If you have more than one child, they will arrive and be collected at the same time as their oldest sibling. In line with DfE guidance gathering at the school gates and coming onto the site other than to drop off /collect without an appointment is not allowed. Parents and carers are asked to liaise with school via phone call or e-mail and not face to face until further notice.

Under current guidelines we ask that as soon as you drop off or pick up your child, you leave the school site and footpath outside school so that it is clear for the next group of children to arrive. One adult only please per family on site at any time. Please follow the one-way system we have created around the carpark. All adults will be required to wear a face covering when they come onto the school premises.

**The Department for Education Schools coronavirus (COVID-19) operational guidance (February 2021) states:** Some individuals are exempt from wearing face coverings. This applies to those who:

- cannot put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical impairment or disability, illness or mental health difficulties
- speak to or provide help to someone who relies on lip reading, clear sound or facial expression to communicate

## **Start times from 8<sup>th</sup> March**

**Y5 and Y6** – Classroom doors will be open between **8:30 and 8:40**. Children should arrive at school during this period and enter school via their classroom door.

**Y3 and Y4** – Classroom doors will be open between **8:40 and 8:50**. Children should arrive at school during this period and enter school via their classroom door.

**Y1 and Y2** – Classroom doors will be open between **8:40 and 8:50**. Children should arrive at school during this period and enter school via their classroom door. Children should be brought to the infant playground.

**Reception** – The Reception door will be open between 8:50 and 9:00. Children should arrive at school during this period and enter school via the reception door. Children should be brought to the infant playground.

Parents and carers will be informed of collection times for your own children by text message, phone call or e-mail. It is important that you arrive at school at the allocated time for your child

- Please follow social distancing rules as you drop off and wait for your child.
- Please leave the site as soon as you have collected your child, following our one-way system.

**If you would like your child to walk home or walk to meet an adult at the school gate, please e-mail school to request it.**

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## **Lunches**

Children will spend break times and lunch times with other children from their own class.

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to have a school lunch provided through the Universal Free School Meals Scheme or can bring a packed lunch if preferred. Reception children will eat in their classroom and children in Years 1 and 2 will eat in the hall although children will be separate from those in other classes. Children in Years 3 to Year 6 can choose to have a school meal or provide their own packed lunch. Parent Pay will continue to be used. Pupils in Years 5 and 6 will eat in their classrooms, children in Years 3 and 4 will eat in the hall at a different time to infant classes.

These arrangements are in place to ensure that children can remain with friends in their own classes and still eat at an acceptable time of the day. It also allows time for cleaners to provide additional cleaning during the day.

### **Uniform, Equipment & Homework**

Children will be required to wear school uniform each day, although on PE days, they can come to school wearing their PE kit and wear it throughout the day. On colder days, due to increased ventilation, children may need to wear an extra layer of clothing

The amount of equipment coming in from home is limited to a school book bag, a coat, a packed lunch if they have one and a water bottle. We cannot provide water bottles or cups in school for water. Children must not bring a mobile phone into school, we ask for your support with this. Book bags containing reading books and homework can be sent home from and returned to school. Following the successes of remote learning, some homework tasks will be set and reviewed via Tapestry or Seesaw.

### **Before School Club & After School Clubs**

There will be no before or after school activities until further notice. We hope to get them all back in operation soon. You will also remember that the Before School Club is permanently closed.

### **School Office**

The School Office will be closed to parents and visitors. It is very important that we have up to date contact details should we need to contact you during the school day. It was apparent during lockdown that the email addresses we have in school were not always the most up to date. All messages should be passed through the office by telephone call or email. If you or your child forget to bring something to school in the morning, you will not be able to drop it off at the office.

### **Medical Conditions and Medicines**

Parents and carers must inform school if there have been any changes to your child's medical condition, or if there have been changes in medication. Parents and carers must make sure that any medication that is needed in school, such as inhalers or recovery medication, should have enough doses and be in date.

All of these restrictions are in place to keep our children, our parents/carers and our staff safe; and to prevent class closures or a further lockdown. I am sure that you understand.

Yours faithfully,

*C. Newstead*

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