

25th February 2021

Dear Families,

This week we heard the Prime Minister's announcement of the roadmap being taken to lead the country out of pandemic over the next few months. I can't tell you how much we are looking forward to welcoming back all the children from Monday 8th March when school attendance becomes statutory again. Thank you for your commitment to the children's home learning during this latest lockdown. We have had tremendous feedback from parents about Tapestry and Seesaw and we will continue to use these in the event of bubble closures or for focussed homework tasks, weekend challenges or the showcasing of work in the future.

Whilst parents will be looking forward to children returning to school life and establishing good routines again, I appreciate that some parent might be feeling anxious about children returning to school full time. If you are worried about any aspect of the children's return to school please feel free to message your child's class teacher through Tapestry / Seesaw or phone the school office and we will do everything we can to ease any concerns you may have.

Here are a few helpful reminders before the children's first full week (from 8th March):

*Please be mindful of the staggered timings when dropping off and picking up your child. If you arrive near school earlier than your child's time, please refrain from entering the school site as this can cause congestion with other year groups. We know this is a period of adjustment at such a busy time of day and I can only thank those parents who are remaining patient and looking after each other.

*Face coverings must continue to be worn when on the school premises including when talking to staff.

*When dropping off or collecting your child please remember to observe social distancing from other parents and the staff. Our open-door policy continues but we ask that you remain at least two metres away from the member of staff you are talking to as we strive to keep our school community as safe as we can.

*Our one-way system (of two metre spaced markings) remains in operation to facilitate the safe movement of our community when on site

*Our staggered start and finish times remain in operation:

	Drop Off	Pick Up
Nursery AM	9am	12pm
Nursery PM	12:15pm	3:15pm
Nursery All Day	9am	3:15pm
Reception	9am	3pm
Year One	8:50am	3:15pm
Year Two	8:50am	3:15pm

*If your child usually has an inhaler in school and it is currently at home, please ensure it is brought back into school with a spacer. Please bring it to the school office, where it can be signed back in, as soon as possible. Also, if your child's medical conditions have changed since they were last in school, please let the school office know.

*Please remember to bring your child's water bottle with them into school. It is very important that they remain hydrated throughout the day and at present, as per Health & Safety guidance, the water fountain is currently turned off.

*PE lessons start again from 15th March (second week of return) as we know physical activity is so important. As earlier in the year, children are asked to wear sports kit / active wear and trainers on their set PE day.

Reception		Year One		Year Two	
Class 1	Friday	Class 4	Thursday	Class 7	Tuesday
Class 2	Wednesday	Class 5	Monday	Class 8	Monday
Class 3	Wednesday	Class 6	Thursday	Class 9	Tuesday

*As the children return and feel settled, we will be assessing what the children know and can remember from before this most recent lockdown. This will give us an accurate picture of what your child needs to work on and allow us to plan accordingly.

*Through the lockdown period our commitment to Safeguarding and positive behaviour remains a key feature of our school. There have been some updates to these policies to reflect the challenges we face due to COVID-19 at the moment. These policy addendums can be found alongside the Risk Assessment on the school website [here](#).

I appreciate that these are very unusual times but we thank you for your continued patience as we all adapt to these new routines.

I hope to see you over the next few weeks,



Mr Elliott
Headteacher