



23rd February 2021

Dear Parents,

Spring Letter 14 - Schools Coronavirus Operational Guidance 22nd February 2021

Following the government announcement on the route out of the current lockdown yesterday, the DfE guidance has been updated. All pupils should attend school from **8th March 2021** with mandatory attendance expectations in all school phases.

The staff team are looking forward to all pupils returning to school on the 8th March and working with our pupils and families again - face to face. I have attached a parent leaflet, updated following 22nd February guidance, outlining the plans for the full reopening of school in two weeks. I have continued to update the risk assessments based on Government Guidance and in consultation with the local Governing Body and the Trust.

Return to School

We will be open for ALL pupils on the 8th March. Pupils will be organised into class bubbles. The new guidance released on 22nd February reiterates that the overarching principle to apply is reducing the number of contacts between pupils and staff. This can be achieved through keeping groups separate (in 'bubbles') and through maintaining distance between individuals. These are not alternative options and both measures will help.

The organisation will therefore be:

- To keep children in their class bubbles for the majority of the classroom time but also allow mixing into wider key stage groups for specialist teaching (RWInc and wraparound care).
- To regularly remind children of the need to give each other space where possible.
- To sit pupils side-by-side and not facing each other.

Home Learning

Attendance will be mandatory for all pupils from the 8th March. Schools are still required to provide remote education to pupils covered by the direction where their attendance would be contrary to government guidance or legislation around Coronavirus (COVID-19). This includes, for example, where such guidance means that a class, group or small number of pupils need to self-isolate or that clinically extremely vulnerable children are to shield. All such pupils not physically unwell should have access to remote education as soon as reasonably practicable, which may be the next school day.

As stated on our website work for pupils who are having to shield or isolate will be provided in the following way:

- A text message will be sent to parents to direct them to the home learning page on website for their child's class. This will outline where to find and how to log on to trusted educational websites such as TT Rockstars, Numbots and Education City.



- An age-appropriate paper pack of work is available from school to ensure that the pupil can engage from Day 1 (Packs for each year group have already been prepared and can be readily accessed and delivered to their home address)
- As soon as is practical for the class teacher, work will be set on Seesaw
- The pupils will be set work in line, as far as possible, with the work completed by their peers in the classroom

Start and End of day Procedures

Timings for the start and end of day for each group have been outlined in the parent leaflet. Please note-siblings are to be dropped off and collected at the same time. This will be the time slot shown for your older sibling. I will send a reminder text to all classes next week regarding the dropping off procedures. Please do not arrive too early and congregate on the premises. Please ensure social distancing is maintained between families.

Wrap Around Care

As the guidance states we are able to mix in a wider key stage group for wrap around care, I am pleased to inform you that we will be able to offer breakfast club from 8am and after school provision until 5.30pm. Breakfast Club procedures are outlined in the parent leaflet. For after school club collections please wait outside school and telephone the ASC number: 07541 336810 and a member of staff will bring your child to you.

Illness

Please keep your child at home if they are unwell. If they show any COVID-19 symptoms keep them at home, contact school and follow the NHS Guidance:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/how-long-to-self-isolate/>

The guidance now states an isolation period of 10 days.

Uniform and PE Kits

Pupils will not need to bring their PE kit with them. From the 8th March, all classes will have allocated PE days. You will receive a text to confirm these. Pupils will be expected to attend school, wearing PE kits on their allocated PE days and uniform on non-PE days.

Kind regards

Mrs J Dean
Headteacher