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Dear Parents/Carers,

You are probably aware that the Government has instructed the full opening of schools from 8th March. We are looking forward to seeing the children and continue to do what we love doing. Whilst the Government has given schools the option of a phased return over that initial week, we will be fully open to all pupils on the 8th. We will move back to the systems and procedures that worked so well in the Autumn term which are outlined below as a reminder.

We have three staggered starts to the day and at the end. I would ask that you stick to these timings as much as possible which will reduce the amount of congestion at the front of the building. Please use the time for your child's class unless they have siblings, in which case choose the earliest start/finish times. Examples: A parent with children in Classes 1 & 3 would use Class 1 start/finish times, a parent with children in Classes 2 & 3 would use Class 2 timings.

- Class 1 8:30-3:20
- Class 2 8:40-3:30
- Class 3 8:50-3:40

A run-down of the main points:

- Monday 8th March- Arrive at the front gate for your designated slot
- A member of staff will be stood at the gate to reassure children
- Markers and a one-way system should mean parents/ children don't cross-paths
- Please wait in your car or by the markers until you feel it is safe to drop-off
- Please be prompt, this will reduce congestion-if you're running late, ring the office please
- Children will make their way up to their classroom through the playground
- All children will be asked to wash or sanitise their hands regularly
- Following Government terminology, Bubble 1 is Class 1, Bubble 2 is Class 2 and Bubble 3 is Class 3
- These bubbles will not cross paths throughout the day to reduce cross-contamination
- Within the bubbles, social distancing will be encouraged but age dependant
- Classrooms will not have desks facing one another as we had it in the Autumn term
- Breaks and lunch are staggered times and allocated areas given to each bubble which will be on a rota (playground and top field swapped but never shared)
- Lunch will be eaten in the hall, but not all at once
- Packed lunches will be stored in separate bubble boxes in the hall
- We will endeavour to use the outside space as much as possible and have well ventilated rooms
- Normal school uniform where possible-There will only be 3 weeks and 4 days left of the term so if you have to make do with some elements, that's understandable
- Water bottles can be brought in

- No pencil cases or equipment please-we will supply all necessary stationery
- At the end of the day, please wait on the markers or in your car until your time slot
- Children will be delivered to the front gate at their allotted time
- Unfortunately, parents are not permitted on site unless for an emergency or prior agreement-please speak to the member of staff at the front gate, email or ring for queries
- First Class kids will not be providing wrap around care as mixing of settings is not advisable (to be reviewed at Easter)
- Please wear a mask at the front gate

As we're not medical practitioners, and the Spring term can see various coughs, colds and general sickness, we will try and use a common sense approach to illness. Please let us know if anyone in your house has symptoms, we will communicate with yourselves if any staff have too. If a child exhibits symptoms, we will ask for them to be collected and a test sought. We will inform that bubble if anyone hasn't been well and will close the bubble if a positive result comes back. Track and trace will be followed for that bubble. Staff and families will then be asked to isolate according to Government guidance. If awaiting a result, all members of the household should isolate.

All school staff do covid home test kits twice a week and report their results to school/ PHE.

- **The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a high temperature, a new, continuous cough and a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.**

P.E:

- On P.E days, children will wear their kits to school and stay in them all day-this will help maintain distancing as children won't need to change
- Sessions will be outside as much as possible and distancing will be encouraged
- Our Dodgeball sessions will commence again on Thursdays (with half class sizes at a time)
- School P.E kit to be worn with a school jumper or cardigan over the top (blue/ white T-shirt and blue shorts or joggers)
- We are committed to continuing Forest School. On those days, children will wear their F.S clothes to school and stay in them all day. Your child might only do 1 P.E session on a Forest School week, but can come in P.E kit shown below so as to not confuse things

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	
P.E	Class 2		Class 3	Whole School		
FS	Mon 8 th March-Class 3		Mon 15 th March-Class 2		Mon 22 nd March-Class 1	

We really are looking forward to seeing all of the smiling faces again but I know some of your children and yourselves may have concerns or anxiety. We will be sensitive toward any concerns you may have and work with every family to ensure school is a place of education, safety and fun.

Kind regards

Mr J. Harvey

