



26th February 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you all enjoyed some quality time together over the half-term and felt a little refreshed after a break from school work. It has been great to see children getting fully involved with their remote learning again this week, whilst in school we continue to support the children of key workers.

On Monday, the Government announced that from **8th March** schools will fully reopen to all children. For us, this is welcome news and we are really excited about having our school family back together to continue our learning journey. This letter will detail the actions we are taking to ensure as we reopen fully, we are able to do so in a very safe way whilst also delivering our full educational offer to a high standard for our children. It will also give you some useful information in the part you can play to help us at this time.

Government guidance has been considered in the context of our own unique school circumstances and we have conducted our own thorough risk assessment which is available on request.

- ❖ As in the Autumn term, class 'bubbles' will be our approach to minimising mixing of pupils. Classes will stay together throughout the day for their lessons, break and lunch times. We won't hold whole school events for now and our extra-curricular activities will also be limited. However, we will aim to deliver our full curriculum to all children and make their experience as close to 'normal' as can be.
- ❖ Crucially, we ask that anyone who is presenting with coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who has someone in their household who does, **does not attend school and gets tested**. We will engage with NHS Test and Trace process where necessary and we will manage any confirmed cases amongst the school community following guidance from public health.
- ❖ In school, everyone on site will clean their hands thoroughly and often; we will ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach to coughs and sneezes and we will ensure the school surfaces and equipment are regularly disinfected.

Frequently asked questions:

Do I have to send my child back?

Yes. It is a Government requirement for your children to attend full time education from the 8th March.

Will home learning be set for children self-isolating?

Yes. Our remote learning provision will be used to ensure children can continue learning if they need to isolate at home. Seesaw and Tapestry platforms will be used to set lessons and upload work.

Will children be required to wear PPE, mask, gloves and gown?

No. Government advice is that Primary-age children should not be wearing masks. Staff will be wearing visors or masks when moving around the school, but not whilst they are teaching in their bubbles.

Will children be required to take part in regular COVID testing?

No. Regular rapid tests in schools are only for Secondary-age children. All staff take twice-weekly Lateral Flow Tests as an additional safety measure.

Will my child be with their class teacher?

Yes. Classes will have their own class teacher and teaching assistants. To enable a full delivery of our curriculum, at times other staff will work with the classes.

Will children be able to play?

Yes. All the groups will have time to play outside in their classes. They will not mix with other classes.

What about drop-off and collection?

To aid the flow of people around site at key times we would ask all families to please stick to the following times for drop-off and collection:

- Reception and Year 1 (King and Bell classes) **8:40 – 3:10**
- Year 2 and Year 3 (Braille and Berners-Lee classes) **8:45 – 3:15**
- Year 4 (Hopper class) **8:50-3:20**
- Year 5 and Year 6 (Jackson and Gutenberg classes) **8:55-3:25**

We would ask parents to be especially mindful of keeping their distance from each other at drop-off and pick-up times. Keep to the left as you walk through the site, staying close to the building on your way in and towards the field on your way out. If you need to pass by someone, overtake on their right-hand side and queue where necessary. We strongly advise/encourage parents to wear face coverings at all times

whilst on school premises and unless you are exempt, you must wear a face covering if coming into the school reception. Please be patient with each other and be prepared to wait for your child to be sent out. Each class has their own entry and exit points, and there is space for everyone. We also ask families to limit the number of adults dropping off and collecting where possible. ***For families with siblings in school, the drop off and pick up times for all children (unless they walk independently) will be the time stipulated for the youngest sibling.***

What about Hopper Class Collection?

As in the Autumn term, we are asking all parents and carers of children in Hopper class (Year 4) to **collect** their children from outside the main school reception (front of the school) at **3:20pm**.

If I forget something can I bring it later?

Please avoid. Telephone the school office if unsure.

If my child hurts themselves will there be First Aid?

Yes. Your child will be comforted and treated. You will receive a text, email or phone call if necessary.

Other information

School lunches

We will be back to the same menu choices we had in the Autumn Term and will be starting back on 8th March on Week 3 of the menu cycle.

PE

PE lessons will be resuming from Monday 8th March and pupils will require their PE kit on the following days:

Monday	Bell Braille Hopper
Tuesday	Jackson Berners-Lee Gutenberg
Wednesday	King Bell Braille
Thursday	Jackson Gutenberg

After School Clubs

We will **not** be running any of our extra-curricular after school clubs until **after the Easter holidays** at the earliest. This includes Rooted, Football and Basketball but Angels will be operating as normal for childcare.

Fruit Snacks

To help us in our aim of promoting a healthy lifestyle, please can you ensure your child has a break time snack of fruit only. Crisps and bars are not to be eaten at break time. Please also remember, due to allergens, we are a **nut-free** school.

We are so looking forward to welcoming our whole school community here on 8th March and can't wait to continue our learning across the Spring and Summer terms. Thank you for the amazing work you are putting in with remote learning and let's look forward together to our next step.

I rise before dawn and cry for help; I hope in your words. Psalm 119:147

Yours sincerely,



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