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Dear Parents,

### **Covid-19 Update: Return to School on 8<sup>th</sup> March**

Following on from my video update last Friday, I am very pleased to be writing to you following the Prime Minister's announcement that all pupils will be allowed to return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

I know that this news will be greatly welcomed by parents, children and staff alike and I would like to thank you for your support since January whilst pupils have been learning from home. I know that it has been challenging for many families but I am very pleased with the level of learning that has been going on in every class despite the constraints of learning from home.

We should all be reassured and encouraged that the scientific and medical experts have concluded that it is now safe for children to return to school. It is so important to get children back into school before the Easter holidays so that they can return to some normality after so long away.

With numbers of infections falling and the vaccination programme making good progress and reaching those most vulnerable to Covid-19, we can be hopeful that this stage of the pandemic is coming to an end. We must, of course, however, remain vigilant and continue to follow the guidelines that have become so routine across the school this academic year. Thus, pupils will continue to learn in their bubbles and self-isolate should they be in close contact with someone who tests positive for the virus.

It is important, as ever, that we all remain vigilant to the symptoms of Covid-19 even though the risk to young people is very small. There are things we can all do to help reduce the risk of getting ill with Covid-19:

- wash our hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds;
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available;
- wash our hands as soon as we get home;
- cover our mouth and nose with a tissue or our sleeve (not our hands) when we cough or sneeze;
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash our hands afterwards.

If your child shows any symptoms of Covid-19 (a new, continuous cough and/or a high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste and smell) please do not send them to school but go to the dedicated NHS 111 Covid site, <https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19/>, for details of what you need to do.

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, the children will return to the same learning bubbles, with timings of the school day, including Friday Club as well as before and after school club remaining the same as they were during the Autumn Term. The one way system remains in place, as do the same drop off and pick up points, as well as requesting one adult per family to drop off and pick up wearing a mask and remaining socially distanced whilst on school premises.

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Reminder of timings for drop off and pick up;

- ✓ Year 4, 5 and Year 6: 8.30am- 3.30pm, Friday 1.50pm (Y5 and Y6 teachers will escort their children to the front of the school at the end of each school day)
- ✓ Year 1, 2 and Year 3: drop off from 8.45-8.55am to 3.15pm, Friday 1.45pm
- ✓ Reception: 8.40am-3.05pm, Friday 1.45pm
- ✓ Nursery: 9am-12pm or 3pm

School lunches, including hot lunches and sandwich bags, will be available to order the same as they were during the Autumn Term and the children will continue to have their lunch in the classroom. Uniform will need to be worn daily, with PE uniform worn on PE days.

Reminder of PE Days;

- ✓ Year 6- Tuesday
- ✓ Year 5- Wednesday
- ✓ Year 4- Wednesday
- ✓ Year 3- Thursday
- ✓ Year 2- Thursday
- ✓ Year 1- Tuesday and Thursday
- ✓ Reception- Wednesday
- ✓ Nursery- Wednesday

The Government are allowing before and after school clubs to recommence, with the stipulation that it is not used by parents where it is not needed. Therefore, we politely request that parents who are working, seek alternative means of childcare prior to booking before and after school so that we can keep the number of children using it to a minimum. If you require this provision, please phone the school office to pre-book the sessions that you require. Breakfast Club is 7.30am onwards, with After School Club running until 5pm in the hall.

In the meantime, our remote learning programme will continue in full. Each day is vital in your child's education so it is very important that all children continue to work hard from home and keep up with their lessons and learning.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March and thank you again for everything you have been doing to encourage and support their learning from home.

Your Sincerely,

Mrs L Nejrup

Headteacher

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