



'To seek to open our hearts and minds to the love of God and learning'

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Dear parents and carers,

You will have seen the news that schools will reopen on 8th March for all children. We're so excited about seeing you all again and staff have been working hard to make sure that the school is ready to welcome you all back.

The government has once again issued detailed guidance to help us stay COVID safe once you're all back in school, but the good news is that school will feel very familiar for the children when they return this time.

We will retain the same bubble set-up as during the autumn term and the children may see adults wearing masks more frequently, although this was also the case in the run up to Christmas.

As a reminder, these are the protection measures we have in place:

The staggered start and finish times remain as they were before.

<u>Year group</u>	<u>Drop off/collection point</u>	<u>Drop off</u>	<u>Collection</u>
Year R	Staff car park vehicle gate	9:15 am	3:10 pm
Year 1	Staff car park vehicle gate	8:45 am	3:00 pm
Year 2	Staff car park vehicle gate	8:55 am	3:20 pm
Year 3	Staff car park vehicle gate	9:05 am	3:30 pm
Year 4	Field gate at top of path from parent car park	8:45 am	3:10 pm
Year 5	Field gate at top of path from parent car park	8:55 am	3:20 pm
Year 6	Field gate at top of path from parent car park	9:05 am	3:30 pm

When dropping off your child in the morning, please queue at a distance of 2m while waiting for your entry time. On collection, children will be individually released to a socially distanced crowd of parents at their collection point. Please do not approach your child's collection point if the previous bubble has not yet dispersed.

Families with children in more than one bubble should bring all of their children at the earliest time and collect at the latest time given for their children. Children arriving earlier or leaving later than their year group bubble will be supervised by classroom staff in their classrooms.



We understand that this may make drop off/collection trickier for many of you: you may battle traffic some mornings and miss your slot or you may be dropping off or collecting at more than one school with similar timings. If you will be late for drop off/collection, please be extra careful about maintaining social distancing when you arrive at the school site - particularly keeping children 2m+ apart.

Communication

We will continue to update the COVID-19 page of the school website with the latest information, although we will continue to communicate any major changes via ParentMail.

Early Bird / Evening Owls

We are pleased to confirm that Early Birds and Evening Owls will be able to restart as of 8th March. Please book your place with the school office. Children should be dropped off and collected as in the autumn term.

Arrangements in school

Within class bubbles, we do not expect children to maintain social distancing. However, children will be discouraged from hugging and close contact with each other and staff will try to maintain a social distance from other members of staff.

Tables in all classrooms from Year 1 to Year 6 continue to be arranged facing forwards, so that children are not facing each other while talking and working. There will still be plenty of opportunity for children to work together with a partner and talk to their peers about their work.

Children will not swap books to read or peer assess other children's work and staff have been asked to keep marking to a minimum, so that books are minimised as a source of transmission.

Lunch will continue to be eaten in classrooms for the time being. Play times and lunch times continue to be staggered with the playground sectioned so that two bubbles can play outside at lunchtime at the same time without contact.

Enhanced cleaning will continue to be in place, particularly after the use of shared resources. There will be regular hand washing and hand sanitiser is available in each classroom, as well as at the entrance to school. If your child suffers with chapped hands, please feel free to send them with a small - named - tube of hand cream. This will be for their personal use only.

PPA (masks, visors etc.) will be available to all staff, if they wish to wear it. Children should not wear PPE in school, including fabric masks.

In KS2, PPA (teacher's Planning, Preparation & Assessment time) will be covered by one person moving between class bubbles. Care will be taken to stay as distant as possible from children.



Home Learning

Library books and reading books will be sent home as normal. When they are returned to school, they will sit in quarantine boxes for a minimum of 48 hours before being returned to the shelves.

Homework will continue to be set online, using Google Classroom.

Confirmed case of COVID-19 in school

We will follow the latest government guidance with regard to the potential closure of the school or of specific bubbles in case of a positive test result for COVID-19.

Although we will make every effort to avoid it, in the event of staff illness or mandated self-isolation, it may be necessary to close the school to certain bubbles at very short notice.

Family self-isolation

Please make sure that you follow the latest government guidance with regard to the need for self-isolation.

If your child needs to self-isolate, please let the school know as soon as possible. If your child is well enough to learn, work will be provided on Google Classroom from the day after you inform us they are isolating.

If you need to self-isolate and do not have enough access to technology at home for your child(ren) to access remote learning, e.g. a computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone, please let the school know when you inform us of your isolation, so that we can try to help.

If you are self-isolating and your child is entitled to Free School Meals (not the Universal Free School Meals available to all children in Years R,1 and 2), then your child will be provided with a packed lunch daily. This can be collected from the school - please let the school know whether you require this packed lunch, to avoid wastage.

Thank you for all your support with remote learning: we know it hasn't been easy, but you've all been amazing!

We look forward to seeing you all again in person on 8th March.

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