

Welcome Back!

Wednesday, 24 February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Finally!! Here we go!! I cannot tell you how excited we are for our return to school on March 8th. We are really looking forward to having each and every one of your children back in school and seeing you all.

I know many of you will be feeling some mixed emotions after the Prime Minister's announcement, apprehensive that the virus is still very much around us, relief (finally home school is finished for the term) and some of you will be sad that this wonderful time together has come to an end and for those of you in that final category, I would urge you to investigate Teacher Training opportunities. The country will always need good teachers.

We very much see our return to school as being similar to what we rolled out last September, staggered starts and finishes, staggered lunch and break times and adults continuing to wear masks at drop off and collection times unless exempt for medical reasons. We will stick to class bubbles for the majority of the time children are on site and year group bubbles for breakfast club when it resumes.

We do have a number of staff members who are classed as Clinically Extremely Vulnerable and for those classes, teachers will still be teaching remotely whilst children are supervised in school by another adult.

Staff are participating in twice weekly testing which has been ongoing since January. This is just for staff not for children.

Lunchtimes- children will have the same lunchtime supervisor each day and classes will be initially separated on the playground.

We would ask all parents to stick to their start times and follow the one-way system that was in place previously in December.

Start times are as follows:

Year Group	Start Time	Finish Time
5 and 6	8.45am	3.00pm
3 and 4	9.00am	3.15pm
2	9.00am	3.15pm
1	8.45am	3.00pm
Mrs Miller's Class	8.45am	3.00pm
Mrs Bonner's Class	8.45am	3.00pm
Nursery	8.45-11.45am	12.30-3.30pm



The first week back will be focused on revisiting expectations, spending time with friends, working creatively and collaboratively and sharing their worries. Many classes have already got a worry monster or a worry box to share.

We are hoping to resume Breakfast Club the week commencing 15th March. We will run this as we did before, each year group bubble will have their own table. More information to follow, booking will take place via [School Gateway](#).

PE will be on the following days:

Year Group	PE Day
Year 5	Tuesday am
Reception	Tuesday pm
Year 1	Wednesday am
Miss Smith and Mrs Kelly's Classes	Wednesday pm
Year 6	Thursday am
Year 2	Thursday pm
Mrs Nash's Class	Thursday pm

Sports clubs will be resuming after Easter with more information to follow.

School dinners are now available to book as usual on [School Gateway](#).

In preparation for our full return on March 8th, we are proposing a non-screen day on Friday 5th of March. On this day we will set a range of activities as previously but there is no expectation that these are compulsory. Ideally, we would like families to enjoy their last day of Home School, by going for a walk or enjoying some free time together before we are back to our usual school routines.

We will also be closing school at 12 noon on Friday 5th of March for the children of Critical workers, this will ensure that classrooms and activities are ready for Monday and cleaners have been able to get in to clean key areas.

Thank you as always for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Dodds
Headteacher

