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To: All Parents & Carers

Dear Parent/Carer,

Full Re-opening of School – Monday 8th March 2021

We are really looking forward to seeing you all very soon, pupils and parents. I know this has not been the best start to the New Year for any of us. However, now that we can fully re-open next week, I wanted to write to you with some very important reminders.

School will re-open next Monday, 8th March, for ALL pupils from Nursery to Year 6. Gates open at 08:40am and close at 9am prompt. Normal Nursery arrangements apply.

There are still restrictions in place in school and on the school grounds. I want to outline a few issues which are important for you to know:

- Breakfast Club will re-open at **8am on Monday 15th March** (not 8th March). We will have to have a booking system in place for you next week and this will only be available to working parents and some vulnerable pupils. The reason for this is that our Breakfast Club has always been very well attended but restrictions on ‘bubbles’ and pupils mixing are still in place. We cannot accommodate 100 pupils in the hall all at once in the first hour of the day. Therefore, I implore ALL parents to seriously reflect on this and only book your child in to Breakfast Club when we go live with the booking system next week.
- There will be no After School Club/Clubs for the foreseeable future but I will write to parents in the coming weeks with a plan to re-introduce After-School Club.
- Restrictions around class ‘bubbles’ still apply.
- There will be a staggered start to the school day; all pupils between 8:40am-9am;
- There will still be a staggered finish to the school day. Pupils in EYFS/KS1 will finish between 2:45pm-3pm; pupils in KS2 will finish between 3pm-3:10pm. Again, if you have siblings in more than one key stage you should arrive to collect your children from 3pm, the later slot





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- Additional cleaning will be undertaken throughout the whole of the school day. All classrooms have access to hand sanitiser and, the building was fitted with wall mounted hand sanitiser stations in all corridors last year
- From Year 2 to Year 6, pupils will be sat at desks, two pupils per desk, facing the front of the classroom
- All pupils will have set equipment on their desk just for them to use
- Visits to school: parents cannot attend without a prior appointment. Please make a phone call to keep external visits to an absolute minimum, to protect staff and pupils
- Parents and carers must wear a mask on the playground and the school premises when they enter the main reception area
- Reading books: we ask that parents bring in any reading books children have had from school. Your child should place their reading book/library book in a box in their classroom. Will you please have a look for all our reading books at home as we are short of some sets, and we need to make sure we can cater for all pupils from next week.
- Uniform/PE kits: there are no changes to uniform, but each day your child should wear a clean uniform to reduce the risk of spreading coronavirus. On your child's allocated PE day your child can wear school's PE kit all day (they can come to school in their PE kit). The only changes to PE lessons for this term are Year 4 have lessons on Tuesday's and Year 6 on Thursday until further notice.
- Lunches: we will continue to provide hot school meals from 8th March re-opening
- Coronavirus symptoms - as for now, and particularly when we return on 8th March, all parents/children: a high temperature, a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours. A loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal. **However, people who are sick with coronavirus may have other symptoms** like the flu, including body-aches, headaches, sore throat and tiredness, shortness of breath, nausea or diarrhoea. It is important if you have any symptoms you book in for a PCR test.





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- Attendance: the government has announced that all the interim attendance regulations will cease next week and there is an expectation that all pupils return to school. However, if you have a particular problem please don't hesitate to contact the School Office and ask to speak to Mrs Ungi (Assistant Head) or Andy, our Learning Mentor. Missing out on school risks pupils falling further behind. In normal times we know that those with higher overall absence tend to achieve less well. School attendance is therefore mandatory again from 8th March.
- We issued school water bottles before Christmas. Please make sure your child uses their water bottle which has their name on it

Year 6

- Swimming lessons resume on Monday 15th March, please make sure your child brings in a swimming kit for the final two weeks of this half term on a Monday or Tuesday, as usual.
- Year 6 pupils will continue to arrive at school using the Sedgemoor Road entrance but leave school via the main playground on the far side from the Early Years gate, as normal.

School Issue-Laptops – To be returned

If you were provided with a school-issue laptop during this current lockdown, would you please return it to school as soon as possible next week, for the attention of Mrs Forster. We need to put the laptops in to quarantine for 72 hours before they can be used in school.

Finally, I know we all hope this is the last lockdown. We all need to get back to ‘normal’ once it's really safe to do so. To avoid bubbles being sent home from school in the remaining weeks and months of the school year, please do all you can to sanitise your hands and wear a face mask when you are coming in to school.

Take good care of yourselves and we will see you next Monday morning.

Kind regards,

Headteacher

