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*But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded ~ 2 Chronicles 15:7*

4th March 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

We look forward to welcoming back all pupils on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March and wanted to share with you the guidance for your child's return to school. The procedures will be the same as we used prior to the school closure in January, however we wanted to resend the guidance, just to refresh your minds ready for the full return.

At school, children will be in their own class throughout the day. As a school we are classed as one bubble, however, we will keep children apart from other classes as much as possible.

#### **Start of day/ End of day procedures**

Start time is 9.00 am and finish time is 3.15 pm. All classes will continue with the same entrances as before.

#### **Start of day**

The school must continue to ensure that all parents/carers wear a face covering whilst on site and that there is a clear 2-metre distance between each family whilst waiting.

#### **End of day**

Pupils will be released from school using the same entrance as the start of the day.

As parents are coming on to the school site, we insist that masks are worn. If you are exempt from wearing a mask, please inform the school office.

School staff will not be available to hold discussions with any parent or carer during this time as it is vital that children and adults vacate the site quickly to allow for this system to work effectively.

#### **Classroom set-ups**

Classrooms have been rearranged to follow the government's current guidance. Desks in the majority of rooms are arranged to be forward facing and certain items have been removed until we feel it is safe to return them.

#### **Hand washing and hygiene**

The school will promote regular hand washing amongst all staff and children, as well as good respiratory hygiene by promoting the "Catch it; bin it; kill it" approach. To support this, the school has had hand sanitiser dispensers fitted to the entry point for each classroom, as well as at other key points around the school. Pupils will use these when entering and exiting the classroom.

#### **Additional cleaning**

We have put in place additional cleaning during the school day, which will focus on shared and frequently touched areas around the building.

*I can do all things through him who strengthens me ~ Philippians 4:13*

**School transport**

School transport will continue for those pupils who are eligible, as it did prior to school closure. Facemasks should be worn by pupils using school transport.

**Curriculum**

The school will be providing all children with our usual rich and broad curriculum once we return. As always, we will focus a significant amount of the day on developing key skills in reading, writing and mathematics, but recognise that children may need support in understanding some of the experiences they have been through in recent months. We will be using this time to identify children who may need additional support either emotionally and academically, and putting in place intervention programmes to support groups and individuals.

**Communication**

Communication with the school should be made via email or telephone from now on, due to restrictions of accessing the school site. Any messages can be passed on to staff as needed. Face to face meetings with staff inside the school building will no longer take place.

**Resources**

It is vital that we limit the number of resources transferring between home and school and we ask for your support with this. Children will be provided with their own pencil case at school so we can limit shared resources within the classroom.

Reading books, reading records etc will be sent home and books changed on a regular basis. Returned books will be quarantined for the allotted time before being returned to the bookcase and used by the next child.

Children must bring in a filled water bottle every day. In the event of warmer weather, please ensure children have sun cream applied before arrival at school. PE kits should not be sent in to school. Items such as bags, coats and hats are allowed to be brought in to school.

**PE**

Children will be taking part in regular PE lessons on a Monday and Wednesday. On a PE day, please send your child into school in suitable PE clothing, including appropriate PE footwear. Children will remain in their PE kit throughout the day.

**Uniform**

All children should wear the usual school uniform, unless it is a PE day.

**School Risk Assessment**

The school risk assessment can be found on the school website.

**Laptops & Other Internet Resources**

Please could any equipment, that has been loaned during lockdown, be returned to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

**Attendance**

The government have clearly stated that attendance at school is mandatory for all pupils and the school will return to its usual procedures for monitoring attendance from 8<sup>th</sup> March.

**Suspected cases of Covid-19**

It is vital that should your child display any of the symptoms associated with Covid-19, they must not attend school. You should notify the school immediately if you suspect your child is symptomatic and follow the current government guidance regarding testing and self-isolation.

Any child that becomes unwell with symptoms associated with Covid-19 during the school day will be isolated until they can go home and the following procedures undertaken:

The child will be isolated in our isolation space, supervised by senior staff member, with the door closed and window open.

PPE will be worn by any adults required to supervise a symptomatic pupil.

If a child or member of staff tests positive for Covid-19, the school will liaise with the local health protection team and follow the advice provided, which may include instructing certain staff and pupils to self-isolate for a period of time.

It is therefore vital that you update the school with any new contact details immediately, as any symptomatic child should be removed from the school site promptly.

We look forward to welcoming all pupils back into school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Kind Regards

Mrs A Flack  
Executive Head

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Acting Head of School