



3rd March 2021

8th March Reopening

Dear Families,

I am writing to confirm that we are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 8th March as planned. Schools are the best place for children to learn and they play a vital role in children’s wellbeing and mental health.

Our Aims



To minimise the risks of infection for all, whilst recognising it cannot be eradicated.



To make school as normal and as happy a place as possible for children and staff.

Control Measures to Mitigate Risk within School



Start of Day

Drop off from 8:30-9am and Staggered home time



Good hygiene, additional handwashing or hand sanitising



Windows and doors will be kept open as much as possible. When it is necessary to keep windows closed, rooms will be ventilated during break times to refresh the air.



All Classes will be cleaned daily. Additional cleaning will take place throughout the day.



Classrooms have been redesigned to create maximum space. When at desks children will sit side-by-side back to back to minimise spread. When children are learning through play they will be encouraged to play side-by-side.



Lunch will be eaten within the classroom bubble. Hot and cold meal offer remains in place



School uniform must be worn. However, we understand that children may have outgrown certain items and shopping is difficult at the moment; please do not worry about buy new shoes. Children should wear extra layers to compensate for the additional ventilation.



PE Kits – Children in Reception to Year 4 should have a PE kit in school. Children in Yrs 5 and 6 should come to school in their PE kit on PE days. Timetables will be shared via Class Dojo. PE will take place outside.



Class Bubble approach

- Fixed class groups
- Set group of adults
- Set room
- Own resources
- Play together
- Eat together
- Do not have contact with anyone outside of their bubble



A full curriculum with a balance between wellbeing and academic study



Staggered play and lunchtimes in class bubble groups



Clear plans for other scenarios e.g.

- First aid care
- Child or adult displaying symptoms

Pupils with additional needs



End of day

Infants Yrs. R-2: 3:10pm

Lower Juniors Yrs. 3-4: 3:20pm

Upper Juniors Yrs. 5-6 : 3:25pm



It is not recommended for children to wear face coverings under age 11. However, if parents want their child/ren to wear a face covering and believe this can be self-managed then they are free to do so. Staff will wear a face covering when outside of their class bubble.

Control Measures to mitigate Risk for Parents

There are lots of ways parents can help but the most important is for all parents sending their children to school to ensure they are following the **latest government restrictions all times**, with extended family, when out in the community and at work.

If you are not fully following the rules for our area do not send your child to school.

This will help keep our children, staff and community safe.



Only send your child to school if they are healthy and no-one in the family home is displaying symptoms. Follow guidance on self-isolating



Parents should wear a face covering when on school site unless medically exempt



Online only – during this time please make all payments using our online systems.



Keep us informed if your child or anyone in your household develops symptoms: please let us know ASAP and keep your child at home.



Please stay within the allocated parent zones at drop-off and pick-up and remember to keep 2 meters from others. Leave site as quickly as possible.



Medicines – please try and administer all medicines before children come to school.



If possible, take your child's temperature before school, do not attend if temperature is raised.



No Face-to-face meetings. Please contact the school via email or telephone and avoid coming to the school office. Video meetings can be arranged for things such as SEN reviews.

Community testing:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff> - please visit for full details

From 1 March 2021, the government has announced that parents or support bubble members can get a twice-weekly test as an additional measure to keep us all safe. These tests however, are not intended for children under 11 years. Parents can get tests:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online



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Attendance and Isolation

Should any positive cases of Covid-19 be found in a child or member of staff just as before the whole bubble of contacts will be asked to self-isolate for 10 days. This will mean that remote learning will be provided, including daily contact with their class teacher.

Teachers will continue to post home learning on Tapestry and Dojo for those individuals who have to self-isolate so children can keep up with their classmates.

The government have stated that children should attend school as normal. If parents are anxious and intend to keep their child/ren at home please contact us to discuss your concerns and how best to work together to ensure the best for your children.

In School Testing

All school staff are taking part in twice weekly lateral flow testing to pick up any cases of Covid-19. Primary aged children will not be tested.

Wrap around care

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Breakfast club: 7:45-8:45am – Please book and pay via T-2-P school money



After School Club provided by Oldbury Court – please the office for details if interested.

It is vital we all continue to play our part to keep everyone as safe as possible and I thank you all in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely

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