

Return of all Pupils - Monday 8th March 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

I am aware that the school has put out lots of information to you over the last 2 weeks as we prepare for the full opening on Monday 8 March 2021.

I hope this information has been helpful to you and that we have not forgotten anything.

Attendance is mandatory from Monday 8 March. All children should return to school at their allocated times unless:

- they have been tested positive or have symptoms and are awaiting a test.
- they have been identified by Track and Trace and told to isolate.
- somebody in your household has tested positive.
- your child's bubble has to close due to a positive case.

For a return to be done safely for pupils, parents and staff there are, as previously, several measures that the school will be taking:

- All our staff have been for several weeks, and will continue to be, taking a lateral flow test twice a week to ensure early detection of any asymptomatic positive cases
- Children will remain in class bubbles and kept with the same group throughout the day
- Children will have forward facing desks spaced apart
- Classrooms and toilets will be cleaned periodically through the day and deep cleaned at the end of the day
- Children will be encouraged to give each other space and use markers in and around school to maintain social distancing.
- Children have opportunities for regular handwashing / use of sanitiser throughout the day
- There will be staggered break times and lunchtimes. Class bubbles will have their own play times.
- Staff will wear masks around the school and when supporting children one to one in class
- Children will wear PE clothes to school on PE days
- One-way system still in place
- Drop off and pick up times are staggered as before. Only one adult per family should accompany children when dropping off / collecting.

Main Gate

Year 2: 8.40am – 2.50pm

Year 1: 8.45am – 3.00pm

Reception: 8.50am – 3.10pm

Pebbles Nursery: 9.00am – 3.30pm

Bunkers Hill Road Gate

Year 6: 8.40am – 2.50pm

Year 5: 8.45am – 2.55pm

Year 4: 8.50am – 3.00pm

Year 3: 8.55am – 3.05pm

Children must be dropped off and picked up promptly.

Children who exhibit any symptoms of illness such as a cough, inability to taste / smell or a raised temperature will be sent home and if this is re-occurring then the whole bubble may have to have a period of isolation of 10 days. Please therefore do not send your child to school if they are ill.

Our curriculum will have a big focus on Personal and Social development, well-being and getting back into a routine, to ensure that the children are happy and confident.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will be available from 07:45 for working parents from Monday 8 March. A booking form has been sent out. All children in Breakfast Club will be kept in their class bubbles.

After School Club

Unfortunately, we are unable to run after school club for the rest of this term due to staffing constraints and viability of the club.

Adults on site

Masks must be worn by all adults when dropping off and collecting children. If you are exempt from wearing a face covering, please wear a face shield/visor when on school premises. All schools across the Trust have been instructed to not allow anyone on site who is not wearing a face covering or shield. (The School will have spare masks and visors available to allow you to come onto site.)

The DFE still maintain that children at Primary School should not wear masks.

All adults on school site must maintain social distancing.

All adults should avoid face to face conversations - please phone or email the School office with any queries admin@wcliffs.dfamat.com

On Thursday 4 March the Government confirmed that face coverings should be worn on school sites where 2m self-distancing cannot be guaranteed. Please find attached a copy of the document for your information.

School Dinners

We welcome our new Kitchen Manager, Andrea Udi, who started with us this week. School dinners will be served in the dining hall and are available to all children, with our usual 4 delicious options available (main meal, vegetarian, pasta or jacket potato). Dinner times will be staggered to ensure that children remain safe within their bubble. We will send you a copy of the menu for this term separately later today.

All the staff are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back to School on Monday 8 March and we look forward to seeing you then.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Knight Fotheringham

Headteacher