

2nd March 2021,

Dear Parents,

As we prepare for fully re-opening on Monday, I wanted to update and remind you of various information that may help to make the return easier all round. We will still be working in class bubbles as we were throughout the Autumn term and therefore all of the previous details and procedures remain the same.

- PE Kits - Please do not send your child's PE kit into school as you normally would. The class teachers will let you know which day your child has PE and they will need to come to school already in their PE kit on that day. They will stay in the PE kit all day so they do not need to bring school uniforms to change into.
- Reading books - Please return any school reading books to school as soon as possible so that they can be quarantined and then reissued. Children may only bring the flat, red school book bag into school. Do not bring a rucksack or larger bag other than a packed lunch bag as children will need to keep all their belongings with them on their chair or desk.
- Medicines - As previously, children with inhalers should bring these back into school, clearly named, and hand them into their class teacher who will keep them safe in the classroom. Epi-pens must be carried in a small named bag and will be kept with the child. For any other medicines, please call or email the school office.
- Nut Free - A reminder that we are a nut free school as we have several pupils with very severe allergies so snacks and packed lunches must be nut free. This includes items such as peanut butter, chocolate spread and muesli type bars.
- EYFS - Children in the Reception classes will be able to bring a small bag containing spare clothes that may be left in school as required.
- Uniform - All children will be expected to wear full school uniform however we understand that children grow and there may be difficulty buying black school shoes therefore black trainers can be worn in the interim until the shops reopen and little feet can be properly measured.
- Buses - The school buses will be running as normal. Pupils do not need to wear a face mask on the school bus but should ensure that they sit with either

a sibling or pupil from their own bubble only. This will be enforced by the bus company.

- Face Coverings - Please see the latest Trust Guidance below on our website but primary pupils do not need to wear facemasks onsite. Adults will need to wear a facemask on the school site unless you have an exemption.

Parents and Carers on site:

It is recognised that drop-off and collection, whilst carefully planned, may be a point of risk for transmission for example at school gate pinch points. To help protect the entire school community, parents and carers are asked to minimise the number of collecting adults so that only 1 adult per family comes onto the school grounds. Alongside this, all adults bringing/collecting from the school site are expected to wear face coverings through points of flow.

- School Office - The school office will continue to be closed to parents or visitors for the time being. If you need to speak to someone, please telephone or email.

Finally, as before we will need to adapt as issues that may crop up or guidance changes. Please do alert us to anything that you think could be done differently and please be patient if things take a little longer than usual. Myself and all the school staff are delighted to be welcoming children back into school and our priority continues to be to keep everyone as safe as we can. I know you will support us in doing that.

Best wishes,

Karen Williams
Headteacher