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Dear Parent / Carer,

After the recent announcement, we are extremely pleased to confirm that school will be reopening for all pupils from Monday 8th March. The lockdown period has been very challenging but the effort and engagement from pupils and parents / carers has been outstanding. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to parents / carers for their ongoing support, patience and understanding. The recent parent's evening has been a success with over 65% of the school managing to book and attend the video appointments.

Looking forward, our reopening arrangements will mirror September '20 as there is very little change in the guidance. These will be regularly monitored as guidance changes. As a reminder:

School will operate in a class bubble system. Pupils from KS1 will also have different lunchtime and playtime routines to KS2 and a staggered start and finish time. It is not feasible to implement a full class bubble system due to staffing, building constraints and break / lunchtime routines. Our focus will continue to be on good hygiene, effective handwashing and good room ventilation. Classroom resources will still be kept to a minimum and, where possible, will be washed / disinfected.

Term dates

We will again be following the Cumbria County Council holiday dates and these can be found on the school website. As a reminder for Spring / Summer:

Thurs 1 st April	Break up for Easter
Mon 19 th April	Pupils start back
Mon 31 st May to Fri 4 th June	Half Term
Friday 16 th July	End of year

Start / finish times

In order to limit the number of parents / pupils in the school yard, we will be operating a staggered start and finish system. Whilst waiting for children, adults are asked to space themselves and comply with ongoing social distancing guidance. *As soon as children have been dropped off or collected, adults should promptly leave the school site.* Thank you for your co-operation.

Class	Start time	Entrance / exit	Finish time
Nursery	9.00am	Rear Nursery door	12 noon from the office or 3.00pm
Reception / Year 1	9.00am	Infant door	3.05pm
Year 1 / 2	9.00am	Y1 / 2 Classroom door	3.05pm
Year 3 / 4	8.50am	Y3 / 4 Classroom door	3.15pm
Year 4 / 5	8.50am	Y4 / 5 Fire exit door	3.15pm
Year 6	8.50am	Hall door	3.15pm



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Pick up & Drop off

For families with siblings in different classes / key stages, we would encourage parents / carers to drop off at the later time in the morning and pick up at the earlier time at the end of the school day. Limited waiting time in the yard is more convenient and safer for pupils & parents. Start and finish times will be reviewed on a regular basis and, as restrictions ease, we will alter arrangements accordingly.

Wrap-around care

We are very pleased to continue to offer after-school care with Arnie's; Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Holroyd will be delivering sessions daily, from 3.15 to 6.00pm. Breakfast club with Mrs Reynolds will also be available daily, from 8.00am. Existing users can book sessions online, before 5pm on the previous day, using LunchShop. Please contact the school office if you would like to register for wrap-around care. Pre-booking and payments are an essential requirement.

Visitors

Only pre-arranged visitors will be allowed into the school building at any point. If you need to collect your child during the day, please use the main entrance and arrange a time with the office staff. Music lessons, additional PE coaching and after-school sports clubs will also start.

School lunches

We will be starting hot meals again from the 8th March for all pupils, and food can be ordered using the usual LunchShop system. Due to limiting the pupil numbers in the hall, some classes may be required to eat their lunches in classrooms. We will be implementing a rota system to ensure pupils are spaced appropriately and tables / chairs will be cleaned between class bubbles.

Bubble closure

In the event of a positive case, school will reinstate home learning as soon as possible for the 10-day isolation period. School would use the existing website, Teams and Dojo systems to provide short-term virtual schooling as used during the previous lockdown period.

Uniform

Pupils will be required to wear their normal full uniform. On PE days, pupils should come to school wearing their PE kits. Also, please can Nursery pupils bring indoor shoes that can be left in school e.g. slippers or black pumps. Due to the ventilated rooms, please can pupils ensure they have adequate layers for the weather and a coat for outdoor learning / breaktimes.

PE days:

Mondays	Rec/Y1, Y1/2, Y4/5 & Y6
Tuesdays	Nursery & Y3/4
Wed	Whole school



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Hygiene / safety

Please could all pupils ensure they wash / disinfect their hands before they come to school and when they arrive back home. This will help protect families and reduce the risk of transmission. It is also crucial that parents / carers do not send their child to school if they have any symptoms (temperature, new cough, loss of sense of taste or smell + secondary symptoms of headache, sickness, diarrhoea or rashes). We will inform parents / carers immediately if we have any concerns about a child in school and request their child is picked up as soon as possible. Staff will be wearing face masks in situations where they feel an appropriate, safe distance cannot be maintained i.e. 1:1 reading. Class teachers will be arranging some lessons outside to allow for social distancing.

Keeping ourselves and others safe is only effective if we all try to follow the guidance. I'm sure you will agree that we all want to avoid a return to restrictions and another lockdown.

I have no doubt there are further challenges ahead this term but we will do our utmost to ensure a safe, calm and positive environment for pupils, parents and carers. Your child's well-being is at the heart of everything we do and staff work extremely hard to make sure your child is happy, motivated and excited to learn. By working together, we can begin to create some form of normality for pupils and look forward to the future.

Thank you again for your help, understanding and support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Sharp

