



Birdsedge

First School

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Dear Parents and Carers

As you will be aware, school will reopen to all children from Monday 8th March. We are delighted to be able to welcome those children who have been learning at home back to school soon and can't wait for all children to be learning and playing together. However, we want to make sure we do this in the safest way for everybody. Here is a reminder/update of the things that will be in place in school as part of our risk assessment.

- Keeping visitors in school to a minimum. For those visitors who must enter school we have a visitor policy in place and will provide masks.
- Ensuring children are in class 'bubbles' to reduce the risk of a wide spread of any infection.
- Reducing large numbers of children together at any time to ensure social distancing can be encouraged and achieved. We will ensure only 1 class moves through corridors at a time and no more than two classes in the hall or on the same area of the playground at break times.
- In older classes desks are set up to allow children to work facing forwards rather than face to face.
- Hand washing with soap and water will be built into daily routines for all children, especially when they enter and exit the classroom and before eating.
- Any frequently touched surfaces such as table tops and door handles will be cleaned regularly during the day.
- Rooms will be kept well ventilated throughout the day, using break times to refresh the air in rooms but keeping temperatures comfortable when children and staff are in the building.

To support our school community to stay as safe as possible, we ask that all pupils and families:

- Remain vigilant and continue to follow the national guidance.
- Reduce bringing in items from home that do not need to be in school. Book Bags, coats, packed lunches and water bottles are the only items that should be brought into school.
- We are asking that children come to school dressed in their outdoor PE Kit on the days they have PE, this is:
 - Monday for Class 1
 - Tuesday for Class 2
 - Wednesday and Friday for Class 3
- Being outside and having fresh air is a great help in keeping us healthy and safe. We ask that children come prepared for these cooler temperatures to stay warm. Remember, children may bring extra layers to wear inside too.
- Remain vigilant around ensuring that anyone with symptoms isolates immediately alongside their household members and seeks a test if they have coronavirus symptoms. The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

-a high temperature – *this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)*

-a new, continuous cough – *this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)*

-a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – *this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal*

It is essential that if your child, or anyone in your household, displays symptoms, that **your child isolates and does not attend school until they, or the symptomatic household member, has received a negative test result** or the completion of the specified isolation period should the result be positive.

- It is really important that we encourage social distancing between adults on site as much as possible. We are also asking that face coverings are worn on site at drop off and pick up times if you are able to.
- To support distancing of adults and children and to support classes remaining in 'bubbles' we have made some changes to drop off and pick up times at the start and end of the school day. We know this will take a little getting used to but will be on site to help point people in the right direction and clearly signpost drop off and pick up points. We have planned this to avoid needing staggered start and finish times for classes and to also support families with siblings in different classes. Please read the information over the page for an explanation of this and do let me know if you encounter any problems or difficulties.





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Siblings
Older siblings should be dropped off and collected with their youngest sibling.
For example if you have:
-a child in each class, all children should enter and exit at the blue class 1 entrance.
-a child in class 1 and 2 or 3, all children should enter and exit at the blue class 1 entrance
-a child in class 2 and 3, all children should enter and exit at the green class 2 area.

Class 1 + Siblings
Children to be dropped off and collected from here. (Children will enter and exit school through class 1 door.



Class 2 + Siblings
Children to be dropped off and collected from this space in the playground. (Children enter and exit school with their teacher through the blue back door.

Parents to enter and exit site for class 2 and 3 using this gate

Class 3
Children to be dropped off and collected from this space in the playground. (Children will enter and exit school through the office door.

Teachers will be in the 3 colour coded areas above from 8:45am every morning and 3:25pm at the end of each day. We ask that children are dropped off in each colour coded area, move to their lining up area and parents/carers leave promptly to avoid any gatherings or crowding.

Children using the blue entrance will line up along the path in the school grounds supervised by Miss Hutton and then taken into school. At the end of the day, children will again line up in the same way and be dismissed at the white gate by Miss Hutton.

Children using the green area, should enter through the playground gate, will line up in front of Miss Haigh and then be taken into school. At the end of the day, children will again line up with Miss Haigh and be dismissed to adults who should wait in the green marked area of the playground.

Children using the red area should enter through the playground gate, will line up in front of Ms Spark/Mrs Waddington and then be taken into school. At the end of the day, children will again line up with Ms Spark/Mrs Waddington and be dismissed to adults who should wait in the red marked area of the playground.

For adults needing to speak to any staff in school please try and make an appointment or do this by phone as much as possible. For any information needing to be passed over at home time please wait until other families have left site and all children dismissed safely before speaking to the staff member.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss any of the above points further, please do not hesitate to contact me at dwaddington@themast.co.uk or by the school phone number.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Kindest Regards

Mrs D Waddington.

