



Headteacher: Stav Stavrinou

24th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are probably aware, the government has announced that schools will reopen to all pupils on **8th March**. We're very much looking forward to welcoming back more of our pupils to face-to-face education then.

On the **8th March** we expect **all children** to return to school as normal following the pre-lockdown arrangements as described below.

In order for our staff to prepare for a full return to school, there will be no live sessions on **Thursday 4th and Friday 5th March**. Clear tasks will however be set for each class through 'Class Dojo'.

On Friday 5th March, it will be half a day for those children already attending school this is to prepare the school for the following week.

School will finish at staggered times:

Nursery and Reception: **1:00 pm**

Years 1 and 2: **12:30 pm**

Years 3 and 4: **1:00 pm**

Years 5 and 6: **1:30**

Attendance

From Monday 8th March 2021, school attendance will be mandatory and our usual rules on attendance will apply.

As a reminder, your child should self-isolate and not come to school if they:

- Have coronavirus symptoms or have tested positive
- Live with someone who has symptoms or have tested positive
- Are a close contact of someone who has tested positive

In line with the latest government guidance, pupils who are **clinically extremely vulnerable** **should not attend school**. If your child is in this group, they should continue to learn from home until further notice. In such a case please provide the necessary documentation which outlines your child's medical condition, to the front office staff.

In case of a whole year bubble having to isolate, the children will revert back to remote learning on Class Dojo as has been the case recently.



For individual pupils who are self-isolating or shielding, we will provide home learning through learning packs or online links. More detailed information will be forwarded to specific individuals or year groups through Class Dojo under such circumstances.

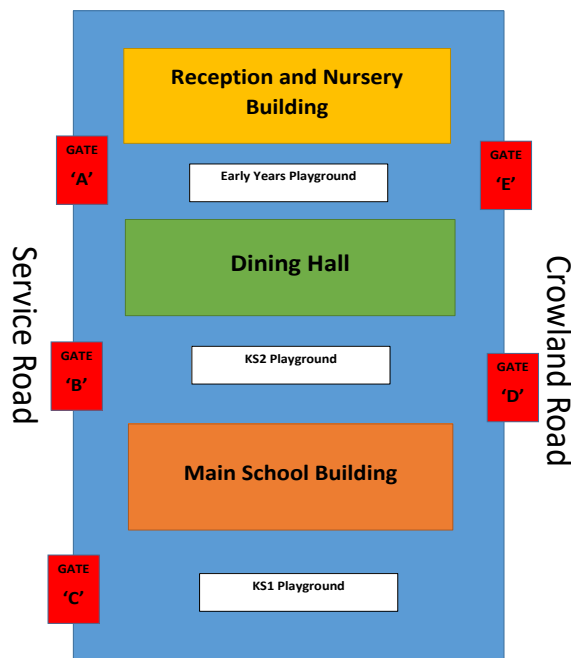
Our safety measures

Rest assured that we are doing everything we can to make sure our pupils can return to school safely. As before, we will continue to take the following protective measures to keep everyone safe in accordance with our risk assessment:

School arrival and pick up routines:

- we will continue with our staggered drop off and pick up times as was the case before lockdown, in order to keep groups apart as they arrive and leave (please see attached diagram)
- We gently remind parents to avoid entering the school grounds unless an appointment has been made
- Can we also please ask that you maintain distance with other parents and avoid gathering after drop off and pick-up time.
- Please ensure you are wearing masks when arriving at the school gates
- Please limit the amount of items your child(ren) bring into school, to lunch packs, stationery and reading/writing books.
- Each child must bring a named water bottle in order to minimise risk of infection

Please check the table below for your child’s start and finishing times and the entrances/exits they will use.



Year Group	Gate	Start Time (am)	Home Time (pm)
6	B	9:00	3:30
5	C	9:00	3:30
Nursery	A	9:00	3:30
Reception	E	9:00	3:30
4	D	8:45	3:15
3	D	9:00	3:30
2	B	8:45	3:15
1	C	8:45	3:15

Minimising infection risk:





- We will continue with the 'bubble' model of each year group in order to avoid any possible increased risks of infection
- The timetables will continue to be based on staggered break times and lunch times in order to avoid contact between bubbles
- One-way systems in corridors to be implemented as far as possible
- Continued emphasis and regular reminders on effective hand washing routines and respiratory practices (reinforced by our 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' motto)
- Provision for non-symptomatic testing for all staff members twice a week, on an ongoing basis so that infections can be picked up early

Communication with staff will revert to pre-lockdown arrangements which was by email or through the front office. Appointments can then be arranged via zoom or parent platforms. Class Dojo communication will only be used for urgent matters or serious concerns for direct teacher contact.

Breakfast Club and After School Club provision will be available as from **Monday 15th March** and we will try to maintain the 'bubble' arrangement as far as possible. More details will follow regarding attendance and participation.

If you or your child have any concerns about returning to school, or if you think your child might need extra emotional support when they return, please get in touch with the front office by email and we will respond as soon as possible.

Even though we have seen some excellent remote learning taking place in the last few weeks, we are aware that it has put extra pressure in addition to all other family responsibilities and work demands.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the incredible work, effort and commitment you have demonstrated in recent times towards supporting your children with their learning under very difficult circumstances which I am sure many of you have experienced. Your contributions have been invaluable in maintaining the momentum and motivation of all

I would also like to extend the gratitude to our excellent staff team who have worked very hard at maintaining their focus on our children's learning and have demonstrated unwavering professional commitment during such a difficult and unprecedented time.

Lockdown has been a challenging period for all of us and we'd like to thank you for your continued support. We hope that this will be a more sustainable and settled period for us all. We are very excited about welcoming all our children back on **Monday 8th of March** and look forward to seeing them back in class amongst their friends and teachers.

We will continue to keep in touch if we update our plans or if we need to make changes due to new government guidance.

Warm Regards,

Stav Stavrinou
Headteacher