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'Learn, achieve, shine'

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Dear Parents and carers,

As you are aware, as part of the Prime Minister's 'roadmap' out of lockdown, school will fully reopen for all children on Monday 8th March. Whilst it will be wonderful to have our school full of happy, busy children again we must however remain committed to keeping our pupils, families and staff as safe as possible. Please read the information below carefully so you and your child are prepared to return.

- Breakfast club will be reopening on Monday 8th March at 8am with entry at the infant front door. The cost of this is £2 per day.
- We will be continuing the staggered start and finish times in order to reduce the number of people on the site at any one time. Parents are still required to wear face coverings when on school premises. The start/finish times are –
Surname A-G 8.30/3.10
Surname H-M 8.40/3.15
Surname N-Z 8.50/3.20
It is important that parents/carers adhere to these timings unless previously agreed with myself. **Please do not arrive earlier than your time slot.**
- New Nursery starters – Miss Harrison will be in touch over the coming week to discuss the arrangements for your child starting our school.
- Little Acorns 2 year olds – Mrs McCallig will be in touch to confirm the days/sessions for individual children.
- Tiny Acorns baby and toddler group – unfortunately we cannot restart this popular group at the moment. We remain hopeful that we will be allowed to reopen later in the summer term.
- From Monday 8th, we will be continuing with our 'bubbles' – unfortunately this means that we cannot yet have all the children gathering for collective worship or lunch together. We will also be unable to host our annual Easter service at St Mary's.
- Our kitchen will also reopen on Monday 8th and will begin serving hot meals from that day. Please ensure all meals are pre-ordered via Lunchshop.



- Children will need to continue to wash or sanitise their hands at regular intervals throughout the day. Junior children are encouraged to bring in their own sanitiser and tissues to keep on their desks.
- Staff are now required to wear face coverings when in communal areas outside of their bubbles eg in the corridors. There is no requirement for primary aged children to wear face coverings at any time in school.
- The new covid variant displays some additional symptoms to the ones we are all aware of (high temperature, cough and/or loss of taste/smell). Please remain vigilant for any symptoms which may include severe headache, sore throat, diarrhoea and fatigue. Should any of these symptoms appear, please do not send your child into school but instead seek NHS advice. School should be informed of any positive cases so we can respond accordingly, which may involve bubble closures if necessary.
- Uniform – From Monday 8th, all children will be expected to wear uniform. We will however temporarily lift the requirement of wearing black school shoes. We realise that many children may have grown out of their shoes and buying new ones will have been problematic due to lockdown. We are also hoping to get the children outside as much as possible (weather permitting) so trainers are fine.
- For those families who have had loan of a school ipad, please can we ask that these are returned on Friday 5th March to allow Miss Dover to get them ready for class use again. Don't forget to return the chargers!

Finally, we will not be talking to the children about 'lost learning' or 'catching up', we will be celebrating what our families and community have achieved in very trying circumstances. Our focus in the first few weeks back will be to encourage reconnecting with friends, fostering a sense of community and re-establishing routines. Learning for all will restart from where our children are, not where they 'should have been'.

Thank you once again for all of your support over the last 12 months. With all the positive news about the vaccine rollout, we can begin to be more optimistic about the rest of this school year and all the things we can still achieve.

I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 8th.

Mrs Joanne Ormond.

