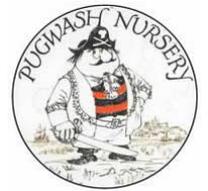




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Wednesday, 24th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are thrilled to be able to welcome **ALL pupils** back to school on **Monday, 8th March 2021**.

All pupils will return to their usual class, even if they have recently attended in one of our keyworker bubbles.

All pupils should return in school uniform on 8th March. Individual class teachers will inform you of the days your child will need to wear their PE kit to school, as these are unique to each class.

School meals will resume from 8th March. We are still not accepting any cash payments and therefore, if you are not in receipt of Free School Meals or Universal Infant Free School Meals, please ensure that all school meals are paid for in advance using our online system. If you are having difficulty navigating the payment system, please contact our school office and they will be able to support you with this.

If you think you may be eligible for Free school meals, please click on the website link below and follow the instructions to see if you meet the criteria.

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/school-life/meals/free/>

Please provide us with confirmation of the outcome and we can ensure your child starts receiving Free School Meals. I know many parents have found the supermarket vouchers so helpful throughout the lockdown periods. Once the children return on the 8th March, these vouchers will cease, as Free School Meals in school will have returned. However, we never want to see any child go hungry. Therefore, if you are struggling financially please speak to our FLO, Mrs Homewood, or the school office in confidence and we can organise a food bank voucher for you. You do not need to be in receipt of Free School Meals for us to be able to support you. We are happy to help anyone who should need it.

There are details below outlining some of our COVID security measures. The adherence to these by all, ensures the return to school is as safe as possible on the 8th March.

Please read through the reminders and continue to familiarise yourself regularly with the COVID-19 risk assessment and action plan, both are available on our website. They are updated regularly to reflect local and National guidance.

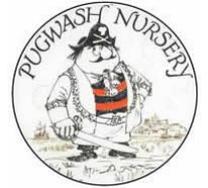
Drop off and Collection times until further notice will be as follows: Please adhere to these times.

Surname	A-I	J-R	S-Z
Drop off time	8.30-8.35am	8.35-8.40am	8.40-8.45am
Collection Time	3:00pm	3:05pm	3:10pm

- Please keep to the one-way system around the school site.
- Wear a mask if at all possible, this is one of the best methods of reducing the spread of the virus. Please help us to help you. Wear your mask to protect yourself and others.
- Socially distance
- One adult only from each household to drop off and collect
- Leave the playground promptly, please don't stay chatting or allow your children to play on or with equipment. We need to minimise numbers on the playground. Please help us by playing your part.



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- Communicate with the school via email/Class Dojo or telephone conversations where possible. Only communicate directly with staff in an emergency and in this case, socially distance and wear a mask. Do not talk to staff members or visit the office unnecessarily. Call or email unless very URGENT.
- Do not send your child to school or attend the school yourself, if you or anyone in your household is displaying symptoms of COVID-19.
- Remember to inform us as soon as practicably possible if your child or a member of your household tests positive for COVID. This allows us to follow any precautionary measures as necessary to minimise the risk to our setting.

Teachers will continue to ensure that work is available online, on the class pages of our website, in the event that your child is unable to attend school due to self-isolation, for example, if they have been identified as a close contact of a positive COVID case.

We will continue to follow our school's behaviour policy and are still following additional rules which reflect the strict measures taken to adhere to the restricted movement within school, the hygiene rules and social distancing; this is to ensure the safety and well-being of all. Any pupil that breaks these rules knowingly and deliberately will be deemed a 'risk to themselves and others' and may be excluded; in this case we will ask parents to collect their child immediately. Our pupils became very familiar with our COVID security measures prior to this current lockdown and we are confident they will once again settle back into school and feel comfortable with "our new normal".

Please contact the school office via email or telephone if you have any further questions about reopening on 8th March and we will do our best to assist you.

We are truly looking forward to seeing you all again soon. School has been far too quiet! We can't wait to welcome you all back again.

With Warmest Wishes,

Miss Martin

Head of School