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Dear Parents,

World Book Week

Despite different ideas and activities for *World Book Day* this year the week appears to have been enjoyed by many. Thank you to all the parents who supported their children and making books an important part of their week. I would also like to thank Miss Pugh for organising the week and the rest of the staff for their contributions. Reading is of paramount importance to our children's ability to progress through their education and ultimately have the freedom to make choices about their future careers. We must continue to do everything we can do to support progress and the pure joy of escaping into a good book.

As part of the week every child has been invited to attend a 'Meet the Author' session organised by RBWM Library. The library has asked me to pass on details of a consultation they are currently conducting. Please see below for details:

We have undertaken a review of the service and have put forward proposals to reshape on the good work already done.

To view these proposals, as well as how to have your say, please click on the link below to visit our website.

[Library consultations | Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead \(rbwm.gov.uk\)](https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/library-consultations)

During the week every child had the opportunity to join a Perform workshop linked to a book or author that the class has been studying. We asked for a voluntary donation of up to £2 to cover the cost of the theatre group. Thank you to those of you who have already contributed. Please can I ask anyone who has not done this yet to make a contribution as the school cannot continue to fund events without contributions to cover the cost. Thank you.

School Re-Opening

The school is busy preparing for the full re-opening on Monday 08 March. The newsletter sent last week gave all the details on how the school will continue to run as safely as possible. I have also sent out the Risk Assessment and Mask Protocols. All of this information can be found on the school website on the Coronavirus Information 'Click here' button at the top of each page. The school office can also provide hard copies on request. Please do get in touch if you have any concerns or queries regarding the re-opening.

Class Teachers will be in touch with their classes to ask them to bring in samples of learning from lock down.

Up to Easter we are adapting our homework. All year groups will have homework which focusses on ensuring basic mental maths, reading and spelling knowledge are strong. Most homework will remain



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online. The Class News areas of the website will still include updated Ongoing Resources for all year groups. Bug Club will still be available for reading and the school system of sending books home will be up and running from the Monday 08 March. Please make sure you bring all books back on Thursday so that we can keep stocks high enough for more books to go out whilst the returned set quarantines.

Testing

The DfE sent out new information yesterday on voluntary testing for families. Please see below for further information:

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- ***through your employer, if they offer testing to employees***
- ***by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests***
- ***by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most***

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.



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Staffing

Sadly Mrs Gleeson has now officially left the staff. During the first lock down her mother became very unwell and, after a period of extended leave, she has decided that she is unable to return. We will be keeping in touch with her and I am sure you will join me in wishing her well.

Mrs Cutting has decided to take her career in a different direction and will be starting an administrative role in the health service after the 12 March. Again, we hope she keeps in touch and wish her the best of luck with her new appointment.

We thank both Mrs Gleeson and Mrs Cutting for their contribution to the school.

I am currently recruiting for a learning support assistant. The role is advertised on the school website and all details can be found by following the link <https://www.tssfirst.co.uk/school-life/job-vacancies>

After School Care

This will be starting on Monday 15 March, the booking form and further details will be sent separately to parents.

To Finish

Finally, please see below for a reminder of school opening and closing times as we will now be reverting back to the staggered starts and finishes started in September. Please make sure you are well within the allotted time for your child's year group. Please remember to wear your mask as soon as you are on site. Thank you.

School drop off and Collection

Year Group	Drop Off	Drop Off Point	Collection	Collection Point
Year 3 and Year 4 (and younger siblings)	8.30am to 8.45am	Staff Car Park entrance into the Year 3 and Year 4 cloakroom.	3pm (with siblings)	Staff Car Park entrance into the Year 3 and Year 4 cloakroom
Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	8.50am to 9.05am	Wooden gates separating school car park and the playground. Reception parents can still walk up to the classroom door.	3.20pm	Year 2 playground door Reception playground door Year 1 will leave through the door leading from the school Reception area and the playground.



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All the staff are looking forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday morning.

Kind regards,

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