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Return to school on March 8th 2021 – School Guidance

Following the Prime Minister's announcement, schools have been issued with the latest guidance for a full re-opening. The systems and safety measures in school will be very similar to those in the Autumn Term. We are all very pleased to be welcoming **back all children on the 8th March**, after what seems like such a long time, without a full school. The teachers have been fantastic at adjusting to the new on line learning approach to teaching but everyone would much rather have face to face teaching and be able to see the happy faces of the children in school. In line with Government guidance, we will return on the staggered start and exit times that were in place before Christmas.

How can we all help to keep each other safe?

In order to keep everyone safe, we will continue to maintain the social distancing and hygiene measures that were in place before Christmas (see our risk assessment on the website). We ask that all parents and children continue to follow these rules:

- Children will be welcomed back to school as part of their 'class bubble' and remain with their bubble for all lessons to limit interactions within school.
- There will once again be staggered start and finish times to ensure that 'bubbles' don't mix. **Please DO NOT ARRIVE EARLY, or mix with other bubbles.** Children should not walk to school in large groups and stick to the government rules.
- Playtimes will be in separate year group zones. Lunchtimes will be in zones and will have staggered timings. Each area will be wiped down between sittings.
- Low and high ventilation will be used in classrooms. On colder days, children may wish to wear under layers to keep warm.
- Parents and carers must wear a face covering and maintain a 2m distance when dropping off and collecting children.
- Parents and carers must stand at a distance outside the school gate and please do not approach the member of staff on the gate. If you wish to speak to your child's class teacher, please contact them via their professional email.
- No-one must attend the school site if they have symptoms of COVID-19 such as a new continuous cough, high temperature, or loss of taste or smell.

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- Visitors are not permitted in school. Please contact the school by phone or email. When dropping medical supplies off, please press the bell and the staff will collect the item outside.

What are the start and finish times of the school day?

Start Time. Do not arrive early.		
	Start	Finish
Year 3	8.40am	3.00pm
Year 4	8.45 am	3.05pm
Year 5	8.50am	3.10pm
Year 6	8.55 am	3.15pm

There is a 5 minute slot for each group. A member of staff will wait here at the allotted time to collect the group and take them to the classroom.

What if my child is ill?

If your child is ill, please contact the school via telephone to inform us on the first day of absence. If you are concerned that your child may be displaying COVID-19 symptoms, you must get your child tested and inform school of the result. You must follow government guidance – ‘stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection’.

Who is being tested?

Staff in school are now using Lateral Flow Devices (LFD) twice a week to self-test for COVID-19. If these are positive, or there are any other positive cases of COVID-19 in your child’s class, we will inform you immediately and ask you to keep your child at home to isolate. **Primary age pupils will not be tested with LFDs.**

Does my child need to wear a face covering?

In primary schools, face coverings can be worn by staff and adult visitors where social distancing between adults is not possible. **Children in primary schools do not need to wear a face covering.**

What is the guidance and provision on Wrap Around Care provision?

Club Vale will start on March 8th. Please book via the Club Vale website. Where parents are using external childcare providers or out of school extra-curricular activities for their children, the government advice is to:

- **limit use of multiple out-of-school settings providers, and**
- use one out-of-school setting in addition to school as far as possible.
- **check providers, such as Club Vale, have put in place their own protective measures**

Does my child have to attend school?

Yes. Attendance School attendance will be mandatory for all pupils from 8 March. The usual rules on school attendance apply, including:

- parents’ duty to secure their child’s regular attendance at school (where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age)
- the ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities’ codes of conduct

What are the expectations around school Uniform and equipment?

The expectation remains that all children will wear a full school uniform (see the website for guidance) tip: Get your child to try on their uniform, shoes and plimsolls before returning- you may find that they have grown!

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Reminder:

No jewellery-except a watch and **small stud earrings, which must be removed for PE.** No nail varnish. No big bows in the hair (small school colours may be worn) Shoulder length hair for both sexes must be tied back.

What should they bring in to school?

- Water bottle filled with water only-taken home to be cleaned each day.
- School bag with pencil case, with pencil, ruler, rubber, white board pen (that works!)
- Packed lunch, if not ordering a school lunch. It will be assumed that you will continue, as per Autumn Term on school lunches. If you wish to change, please email Mrs Sewell on csewell@wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk
- Hand sanitiser and wipes are encouraged
- NO PE bag.

No other toys or personal belongings should be brought to school.

What should my child do on PE/Games days?

Your child will need to keep a pair of plimsolls in school daily. Please do not bring in a PE Kit. On PE/games days, your child **should** come to school in their PE kit, wearing trainers. Trainers cannot be worn in the school hall, only bear feet, or plimsolls. PE Days are as follows:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 6 Year 3	Year 3 Year 4	Year 5	Year 4 Year 6	Year 5

Will there be Wellbeing phone calls home until March 5th?

These will now be reduced and only SEND children will have phone calls home twice a week, as children will be back in school in just over a week. Please email your teacher if you need to ask them anything.

Is online education continuing until March 5th?

Yes. Please note that next week there will be Google meets at 9.10am on Monday and Thursday only. Work will be set to complete daily. **However, next Friday is parent consultation day, so the teachers will not be available in the Google Classroom at all on this day. Parents should ensure they have booked a 6 minute consultation slot.**

What is happening on World Book Day on March 4th?

The children are asked to dress up (if they wish) as a Superhero online AND in school. Many fun activities have been planned next week linked to books and reading. A reminder that staff have PPA on a Thursday afternoon and will be getting ready for 'normal school' after the Google Meets, so will not be available in the Google Classroom for the end of the day.

Are there any clubs running after school?

Some external clubs will start up again after Easter. However, Mrs Wilson, as our sports lead, will be able to run 'bubble year group' sports clubs after school. Please look out for further details.

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How can I return my loaned Chromebook?

These will need to be returned to school by 3pm on Friday 5th March. We are very pleased to have been able to loan so many Chromebooks and if any parent would like to make a voluntary donation to the PTA for their loan, this would be very much appreciated.

You've been brilliant!

We are so grateful to our parents and carers for their support throughout this time; working in partnership is a massive strength of WFJS and ultimately benefits our children to ensure they receive the very best. You should all be very proud of the support you have given your children over recent weeks, both emotionally and with their learning! It hasn't been easy but now we all have some optimism now for the coming weeks and months.

See you all VERY soon!

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