



March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following Mr Johnson's announcement last Monday, we are looking forward to welcoming all children back to school on Monday 8th March.

Attendance

Government guidance states that **all** children must return to school on 8th March. We will follow our usual academy attendance policy to encourage all children to have good attendance and ensure they are able to access their education and we can narrow any gaps due to Covid-19. This will include good punctuality.

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, are waiting for a test result 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. Please contact school with a copy of the shielding letter.

For pupils who are self-isolating or shielding, we will continue to provide remote learning using Dojo/Teams.

How will we keep your child safe?

All school staff will take a lateral flow test twice each week.

We will reduce contact amongst children and adults as much as possible.

Your child will be working in their year group bubble.

They will stay in their year group area and movement around the school will be restricted.

Playtimes and lunchtimes will be staggered to ensure that your child will stay with this group to restrict mixing with other groups. Each group of children will have their own box of play equipment.

No equipment will be allowed in from home.

Regular hand washing will take place throughout the day and additional facilities have been purchased for each classroom. Hand sanitizer will be available to use alongside regular hand washing. Hand sanitizers and hand washing facilities are stationed at each entrance into school and all children will wash their hands before entering and when leaving school.

All areas of the school will be cleaned regularly throughout the school day.

Beginning and end of the school day.

We will stagger dropping off and picking up times, it is important that parents stick to these times to help us to maintain social distancing. We will only allow 1 person (excluding babies and toddlers) onto the school playground to collect the children at the end of the day so please avoid bringing older siblings and other adults.

Year 6 children will use the black gated entrance on Heneage Road at the beginning and end of the day. Year 6 door will be open from 8.30-8.50. They **must** all be in school by 8.50am. They will all leave at 3.15pm.

Nursery children will use the brown doors with the ramp on Heneage Road at the beginning and end of their session.

Reception, Year 1-Year 5 children will use the playground entrance on Welholme Road at the beginning and end of the day.

At the beginning of the day, children in Reception, year 1 to year 5 will be able to come to school any time between 8.30- 8.55. We hope this flexible start will enable all children to come into school safely and we will be able to maintain social distancing. They will go straight into their designated entrance.

At the end of the day, children in reception, year 1-5 will leave school depending on the surname of the child/family. This helps to ensure parents can collect all children in the family in different year groups at the same time. If your children have different surnames please choose one time slot and please keep to this slot. Each year group will have an allocated pick up area on the playground. School staff will bring the children out to this designated pick up point. It is important to meet your child at this pick up point to avoid congestion in the middle of the playground and around the school entrance. It also helps us to keep your child safe and ensure they are collected by the correct adults.

It is important to drop off and pick up on time to avoid overcrowding/groups gathering and minimise the risk at your allocated time.

Surnames beginning with:	A-L	M-Z
Finish time.	3pm	3.15pm

Please observe the social distancing rules. Markings on the playground will show safe routes into and out of the playground. Parents will be allowed to bring their child onto the playground but will not bring their child into the school building.

Breakfast Club.

We will have a limited number of breakfast club places available. They will be allocated to Key workers on a first come basis and all places must be booked and paid for in advance. Breakfast club will be 8am-8.30am. Please ring the school office to book a place.

Routines.

All children coming back to school will be expected to wear full school uniform and follow our school uniform policy.

Your child will need a PE kit in school. This should be brought into school on Monday morning and will be returned home every Friday to be washed. We will be having PE lessons outside whenever possible so please ensure they have an appropriate kit for the weather.

Reading books will only be changed on Fridays.

We will be offering a full menu at lunchtime and this will need to be ordered online. Children can also bring a packed lunch from home.

All children across the school will be given a piece of fruit mid-morning. KS2 tuck shop will be closed for this term.

Please note that the above information is still subject to change depending on Government guidance and if we need to respond to tighter social restriction.

Many thanks for your continued support during this time.

We look forward to seeing you all soon, keep safe,

Mrs D Turrell

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Turrell'.