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## Arrangements from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March

8<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer,

We are delighted to be able to welcome our Key Stage 2 pupils back to face-to-face learning on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March**.

**Please note, that the final live lesson for KS2 pupils will be on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March so that KS2 class teachers can prepare their classroom environments on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March for the safe return of their pupils. Asynchronous lessons will be uploaded to Seesaw as normal.**

### How we will continue to keep your child safe

Safety is still our primary concern and we will continue to do all we can to mitigate the risk of transmitting the virus.

This includes:

- twice weekly Covid-19 testing of staff members using a Lateral Flow Test, giving a negative or positive result within 30 minutes.
- continuing to learn and play in the contact groups established during the autumn term.
- continuing our rigorous hand washing and hand hygiene procedures.
- social distancing between adults and where possible, between adults and pupils.
- the wearing of masks by staff in communal areas of the school building and, where appropriate, in the classroom.
- the wearing of masks by parents and carers on the playground unless they are medically exempt.
- increased cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces.
- ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- being vigilant of changes to children's temperatures and signs of fever.
- using individual sets of resources where possible.
- staggering start times, break and lunchtimes and exit times at the end of the school day.
- no assemblies or large gatherings (collective worship will be virtual or in class).

### Start and End times of the school day

In order to mitigate risk further, we will make the following changes to our start and finish times:

Group	Start time	Exit time
Reception	0910 - 0920	1530
Year 1 and 2	0910 - 0920	1540
Years 3 and 4	0910 - 0920	1550
Years 5 and 6	0910 - 0920	1555

Parents will continue to leave their child at the school gate in the morning. Key Stage 2 pupils will enter through the service gate closest to the KS2 classrooms as they did before Christmas.

Parents/ carers of pupils in Reception to Year 3 will be permitted onto the playground, wearing a mask if not exempt from doing so, in order to collect their child at the end of the school day. Parents/ carers of

pupils in Years 5 and 6 will wait outside the service gate to collect their child. Where there is a younger sibling in the Foundation Phase, please pick up both of your children at the time your eldest child leaves.

### **Breakfast Club**

Our Breakfast Club continues to operate from 8.30am, but in order to keep our numbers in the hall as low as possible to minimise the risk of transmission of the virus, we ask that it is only used, **if absolutely necessary**. As in the autumn term, pupils will enter for Breakfast Club through the Year 1 entrance and wash their hands before going to the hall.

### **School Dinners**

All pupils will be required to bring a water bottle with their name on, fruit for snack time and a packed lunch or opt for hot meal as normal, by booking it on ParentPay.

### **Uniform**

All pupils are required to wear school uniform, including black, flat and sensible shoes (no boots or high heels) except on PE days, where pupils must wear appropriate PE kit, including trainers, to school.

We will be making the most of our wonderful outdoor areas, so a warm coat, gloves, hat and scarf would be advised.

PE days:

Monday: Years 1,2,3,4

Tuesday: Reception, Years 5,6

### **Devices**

**All pupils** are asked to return their school devices so that we have enough for whole classes to use them during the school week.

### **Dates for the diary**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March – St Joseph's Feast Day

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – CAFOD Challenge Day for Lent

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Holy Week focus

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March – End of the Spring term.

Further information about the days above will be communicated in this week's newsletter.

### **Finally**

A huge thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting the home learning. You are doing a great job!

Thank you for your continued support of our staff and our school and for all the home learning you did with your children over the past few weeks. It is greatly appreciated and has made a big difference to the way the children have been able to settle so quickly and continue to make progress in their learning.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me through the school office.

Kind regards,



Mrs Taylor