

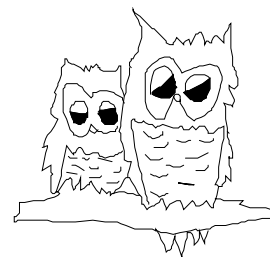
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Dear Parents/Carers

I am pleased to confirm that after last night's announcement we will be fully opening to all year groups including two years olds from Monday 8th March.

I would like to reassure you we are doing all we can to make our school as Covid safe as possible. Our systems seemed to work well last term.

Bubble groups

These are the same as last term. This means our school will be working in two separate groups. Staff will be able to work across their bubble but the children will stay with their class all day.

EYFS, Class 1 & 2	Bubble 1
Class 3 & Class 4	Bubble 2

Response to an infection.

We will continue to keep you informed of anyone who is being tested for Covid – of course no one will be named. The school does not need to respond to any suspected Covid cases until the result is known. If it is negative then we continue as before. If a test is positive, we will send home anyone that has had close contact with the infected person. If a class is sent home to isolate and someone from that class has attended breakfast or after school club, the whole club would have to isolate.

If your child develops Covid-19 symptoms we will have to send them home with a recommendation that they be tested as soon as possible.

Emergency contact details

We are still finding that emergency contact details are not up to date especially additional contacts. We really do need this to be correct so we can contact you immediately in the case of a positive Covid test, illness, or in any other emergency situation, so please ensure that your contact details are up to date. If you wish to check or confirm your details, please contact Jenny in the office.

Children's own equipment

There is no need to bring any equipment to school as necessary resources will be provided by us. Children will need to bring their own water bottle and if needed a packed lunch box.

Parents evening

We are unable to do our usual parents evening this year due to the Covid restrictions. However, we will be using our chrome books to provide on-line parents evenings with time slots of 10 minutes. We will do these the last week of term to allow the children to settle back into school.

Coats

Please can all children bring a named warm coat and gloves every day whatever the weather. The children will be going outside and some lessons will take place outside, especially in Classes 1 and 2.

Visitors

If you need to see a member of staff or have a message to pass on, please come to the porch or email or telephone the office. We are NOT allowed to admit ANY visitors into the main part of school, including parents/carers, without a prior appointment being made via the office.

Just a reminder of the processes in school.

Start of the day

Children will continue to use the same entrances. Parents will still not be able to enter the school building but staff will continue to be outside to welcome the children. Please can you drop older children off first and younger children second.

If you need to talk to a member of staff please come to the porch or contact Jenny in the office by phone or email.

EYFS, Class 1	Red door in car park	8.55-9.10
Class 2	Green gate in How Ghyll Close	8.50-9.00
Class 3	Brown Gate Car Park	8.45-9.00
Class 4	Kissing gate.	8.45-9.00

Children will still need their temperature to be taken at their gate. (Staff will wear a mask). If a child has a high temperature they will be sent home with their parent or sent to the porch if in Class 4. We will then contact you to come and collect them.

Children will sanitise their hands as they enter the school. (C2, 3 & 4) and will use their normal doors.

Lunchtime

Class 1 and 2	Hall
Class 3	Activity Room
Class 4	Classroom

Hot Meals

These will continue to be provided by the bakery and can be ordered on a daily basis. They are excellent and most of the staff order them. Please can I encourage more children to try them again.

Roast dinner on a Wednesday is particularly popular. Class 1 and Class 2 will continue to have free meals provided if they are in school.

End of the day

Please can we ask that the younger children are picked up first.

Can I remind you that we are unable to send children home with other parents unless we have your permission and the school office have been informed prior to collection. Just drop us an email with the details of who can pick up.

If you have a child in class 4 and you wish your child to start walking home on their own please can you let us know.

EYFS, Class 1	Red door in car park	2.50 -3.05
Class 2	Green gate in How Ghyll Close	3.05 -3.15
Class 3	Brown Gate Car Park	3.15
Class 4	Kissing gate.	3.15

After School Clubs

R.Y1 & 2	EYFS room	Pick up red door
Y3,4,5&6	Activity room	Pick up at the porch

Both Breakfast and After School Club provision will be at the usual times from 8am with breakfast or 8:30am without and from the end of school day up to 5:00pm, run by staff within each bubble.

Pupils will attend these clubs as usual in their own bubble.

Places are limited so please could you let us know if you don't need your place so we can offer it to someone else.

Possible further changes in the future

As noted above, these plans and our risk assessments are under ongoing review and potentially subject to change over the coming weeks, due to circumstances beyond our control. We will keep you informed as and when anything changes.

If we were to lock down again, or a class/bubble is sent home, the staff will provide work on-line and the chrome books sent home with each child.

And Finally

The staff have worked hard to make the school safe, whilst still providing good quality teaching and ensuring the children are enjoying their learning. We have made some lovely changes to the activity room and the computer room. We are sorry you are not able to visit the school so please visit our Facebook page to see what is happening.

Thank you for all your support

Kind regards

Gill White.