



5th March 2021

Dear parents and carers,

As we look forward to welcoming back all our children on Monday 8th March please read the information in this letter carefully as it will help us ensure we keep everyone in the school community as safe as possible. The official guidance: 'Schools coronavirus (COVID-19) operational guidance' and our risk assessments are available on our school website on the Covid19 information page.

What parents / carers need to know and do:

- If your child has any of the Covid 19 symptoms, and especially a persistent cough, temperature or loss or change in taste or smell, **they must be kept at home and not brought to school.**
- If a member of the school develops symptoms, and subsequently tests positive, we will work with Public Health England to identify who would need to self-isolate for 10 days. We would need you to co-operate with us in letting us know of any test results so that we can inform the NHS Track and Trace service.
- It is important that we have up to date contact details with you as we ask that you will promptly collect your child if they develop covid19 symptoms during the school day.
- Children can only bring essentials from home (for example, their coat, any essential medicine or items necessary to prevent harm such as sun-cream). However, they will be able to bring in packed lunches if they do not want a school dinner. For younger children, they can also bring in nappies, wipes, a comfort item and a change of clothes and these will be kept in their boxes.
- You will not be able to come into the school building. Any messages for school can either be communicated to the teacher outside the classroom, or you can contact the school via phone or email into the school office as usual.

Please note our changed drop off and pick up times for each class:

Parents / carers coming onto the school site will need to wear a face covering if they are able to do so. One adult should be sufficient to do the drop off / pick up to reduce the number of people on our site and help to minimise contacts. Please remember that parents / carers are not permitted to drive into our car park during drop off or pick up times for the safety of the children entering and leaving the site.

- **Nursery children:** Drop off at **8.45am** and pick up (if staying all day / in the afternoon) at **2.45pm**. Drop off and pick up take place on the main yard at the nursery building door.
- **Class 1 children** (Reception and year 1): Drop off at **8.50am** and pick up at **2.55pm**. Drop off and pick up take place at the classroom's side door.
- **Class 2 children** (years 2 - 4): Drop off at **8.30am** and pick up at **2.40pm**. Drop off and pick up take place at the classroom's side door.

Parents who have children in different classes may pick up both children at the same time rather than waiting on site – please consult with the school so we are aware of which time slot you will be using.

If one sibling is in nursery, please use the nursery drop off and pick up times of 8.45am and 2.45pm.

Before and after school

We will continue to offer before and after school child care as before. Please contact the school to arrange in advance.

We hope to begin most of our after school clubs on the week commencing 15th March. These will be on Monday (sports/games club) and Thursday (Commando Joe's) and we will then add eco-school club on Wednesday starting the week after (on 24th March). These will continue on the same basis as previously: to facilitate parent's ability to work, attend education, access medical care or attend support groups.

We are very pleased and excited to see all the children again. We will be continuing with our theme of 'Weather and Climate' for the rest of this half term and three weeks after the Easter holiday. We will then move to our theme of Fantastic Creatures in May. In the second half of the summer term, our planned theme is Asia and Japan in particular. Our RE themes are: Lent and Easter for this half term and Pilgrimage in the summer term (which will include pilgrimage in Christianity as well as other world religions).

We will continue to deliver a broad and ambitious curriculum to all our children. We will use formative assessment to allow us to identify gaps in knowledge and we will then address their needs on an ongoing basis. We will continue to have Mrs Waddington in school. Having an extra teacher will help us to facilitate smaller group work and allow us to deliver targeted sessions where required, especially in English and maths. We will begin our reading groups and phonics groups straight away and will adapt other groupings as we go on to help children build on their progress in core skills and knowledge.

We will be seeking to build up children's confidence, team working and independence after so many children have been away from their peers, and school, for several weeks. For this reason, we are delighted to be continuing with Commando Joe's when we are back in school. Our Forest School Friday afternoons for nursery and class 1 will allow us to deliver our curriculum outdoors and promote children's well-being. We hope to include class 2 with this where possible. After the Easter holidays we will also welcome a sports coach to work with the children in PE (both outdoors as much as possible). **Children will need to wear suitable clothes for being active on Wednesdays and Thursdays and outdoor clothes on Fridays.**

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any queries. We hope that you all stay safe and well in the meantime.

Kind regards

Rebecca

