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Dear Parents and Carers

I am now able to share further information with you ahead of re-opening to all children next week.

- We look forward to welcoming all our children back to school on Monday 8th March.
- We will continue to apply the systems of control we have been using in and around school since September.

These include the following:

- Bubbles – The class bubble system will return. Children will be taught in their own classroom and contact with other class groups will be minimised.
- In classrooms seating is arranged so that pupils sit facing forward to reduce close face-to-face contact situations.
- Hand hygiene – We have an array of hand sanitisers across school and regular hand washing takes place.
- Enhanced cleaning regimes – Additional cleaning hours are in place to ensure school is cleaned during the lunchtime.
- Ventilation - windows /doors are open for ventilation and to ensure airflow throughout the building, which minimises transmission risks. We also have a mechanical ventilation system across school to help with this.
- Face coverings – Staff wear face coverings in school and I would ask that parents/carers do the same when collecting and dropping children off.
- Maintaining good social distancing – We ask you help us with this by dropping off/collecting your children and leaving site promptly. Thank you.
- Staggered start and end of day arrangements – **Please see table overleaf for changes.**
- Staggered lunch and playtimes – Each bubble has a specified play zone, allocated time, equipment and lunchtime slot to reduce mixing.
- The school kitchen will be open and serving food as usual.
- Road closure – Please remember the new road restrictions outside of school. Vehicle access and parking is restricted between 8.15 - 9.15am and 2.45 - 3.30pm each day.
- Breakfast Club – We are unable to run our club at this time.
- Visitors - Limiting the number of visitors to school reduces opportunity for transmission.
- Specialist P.E. sessions will continue following the national/local guidelines.

- After school clubs – We hope to start these again shortly based on the bubble arrangement.
- School Office – The school office is not currently open to visitors. Please continue to contact us by telephone and email at this time.
- Uniform – We have checked today and Cloud 9 suppliers are open Monday- Thursday for business between the hours of 9am and 3pm.

Importantly, just as before no one with any symptoms of COVID 19 should attend school. If your child feels unwell, they must take a test and notify school of the result so we are able to identify any close contacts.

If a child becomes unwell at school, parents will be contacted to arrange immediate collection and advice given for the household to self-isolate pending the outcome of a PCR test. Please ensure we have your most up to date contact telephone numbers. This is vitally important at this time so that we are able to contact you promptly in the event of a bubble collapse.

- **Entry and Exit changes**
- The new additional gate allowing access from the Pavilion onto the Reception playground will come into use from Monday March 8th. We hope this will make it so much easier for parents and allow for better social distancing in the morning and at the end of the school day.
- This gate will be for **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** children only to enter and exit school.
- **All other year groups will continue to come into school through the main pedestrian gate.**

Year Group	Arrival Time	Gate	Departure Time	Gate/Area
Reception	8.45am	Pavilion Gate	3.15pm	Via pavilion gate onto the Reception playground .
Year 1	8.35am	Pavilion Gate	3.05pm	Children will enter/leave from the pavilion gate .
Year 2	8.35am	Pavilion Gate	3.05pm	Children will enter/leave from the pavilion gate .
Year 3	8.40am	Main Gate	3.10pm	Children will enter/leave from the main gate .
Year 3/4	8.40am	Main Gate	3.10pm	Children will enter/leave from the main gate .
Year 4	8.40am	Main Gate	3.10pm	Children will enter/leave from the main gate .
Year 5	8.30am	Main Gate	3.00pm	Children will enter/leave from the main gate .
Year 6	8.30am	Main Gate	3.00pm	Children will enter/leave from the main gate .

Thank you for your continued support during these times.

If you have any queries or concerns around the return to school, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher