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Dear Parents,

### **RE: Return to school 8<sup>th</sup> March**

As you will be fully aware, all children will be welcomed back to school full time from the 8<sup>th</sup> March. Given the improved position of COVID-19 in the country, the balance of risk is now overwhelmingly in favour of children returning to school. Therefore it is the school's **expectation that all children will return to school from the 8<sup>th</sup> March.**

We will be following the Government guidance for full reopening schools. We will be taking the following steps to prevent the spread of the Virus.

- Children will be grouped in Class Bubbles.
- Class bubbles will not mix e.g. there will be no large group gatherings such as Collective Worship and singing practice.
- Promote good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- Clean hands thoroughly, more often than usual.
- Classrooms will be adapted so that children will be seated side by side and handwashing will be timetabled into the day at regular intervals.
- Individual equipment for often used items provided eg pencil, ruler, scissors
- Staggered start and finishing times, playtimes and lunch times.
- Enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often.

### **Important details about the return to school**

#### **Start of the day**

The school gate will open and **8:45** and close at **8:55**. If your child arrives after 8:55 they will be marked as late. **Please note timings have changed from Term 2.**

**Reception, Y1, Y2 and Y3** will enter the school via the Pedestrian (Green) gate. Parents will leave via this gate too. PLEASE NOTE we have reversed the entrance/exit sides to enable easier flow. Please follow the arrows and observe social distancing rules.

**Year 4, 5 and 6** children will walk through the black (Vehicular) entrance gate. We are encouraging these children to walk up the short drive independently (without adults). We would really appreciate you not congregating at the gate to watch them walk up the drive. There will be a member of staff on this gate to supervise the children's entrance.



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Parents with siblings using a different entrance can send Y4/5/6 children through the car park, past the office towards the black gate. Messages can continue to be sent via class email addresses or a phone call.

Only one adult to drop off and collect; please can you drop and collect your children swiftly. Please **do not congregate in groups outside the main entrance**. Please wear a mask. This could be a key time of transmission.

### **Pick up**

Pick up times will be staggered as follows:

Black gate side gate		Green Gate	
		3:05 pm	YR and siblings
3:15pm	Y6 with no siblings	3:10 pm	Y1 and siblings
		3:15pm	Y2 and siblings
3:20pm	Y5 with no siblings	3:20 pm	Y3 and siblings
3:20pm	Y4 with no siblings		

\*Y6 will be allowed to walk home on their own with written permission from parents providing they socially distance on the way home. Y6 pupils will not be allowed to take home younger siblings without a parent. Y6 cannot walk to the gate and wait for parents with siblings at the gates. Thank you.

Please can you queue at your child's allotted gate and the class teacher will release the children in order. Again, to reduce gathering, siblings will be allowed to **leave together at the time of the YOUNGEST sibling**. For example, if you have a child in Y6 and Y2 then both children will school together at the time of the YOUNGEST child at 3:15pm or you have children in Year 2 and Year 4 they will leave together at 3:15pm.

Messages can continue to be sent via class email addresses or a phone call.

### **Day to day detail:**

#### **School Uniform**

All children will be required to wear the full school uniform. This comprises of white logo polo shirt, grey trousers, skirt or pinafore, with a school logo cardigan or jumper and black school shoes (NOT trainers).

Fleeces can be purchased for PE or as an outer coat- they are NOT a substitute for a school jumper/cardigan.



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**All children will be required to have a full PE Kit in school at all times.** This comprises of green shorts, white logo t-shirt, black daps in a school PE bag. All pupils require dark coloured (black or navy) tracksuit bottoms, and a school fleece or plain sweatshirt for when it is cold. They also need trainers for outdoor PE/mile a day. Please clearly NAME all items of clothing so that it can be returned to you when your child misplaces it! Any unnamed items go to our second hand uniform collection.

Please note that on Wednesdays KS2 children will **not** need to come to school on a PE kits. From now on they will change in school.

### Bags

Children will be able to bring small school bags into school but they should not bring items in from home other than their reading books and homework. Children will NOT be allowed to bring in small pocket toys or drink bottles.

### Lunchtimes

A full lunchtime service will resume. We will be offering a range of healthy, nutritional meals cooked on the school site. All children in Years R,1 and 2 are entitled to Universal free school meals. If you have been in receipt of free school meal vouchers during lockdown you will no longer receive the vouchers, instead your children will receive a free school meal.

We prefer that the children have a healthy school lunch (which are cooked fresh daily on site) however if packed lunches are to be brought into school it must be in a plastic box that can be easily washed daily at home. Please can I remind you, that packed lunches must be healthy, cannot contain chocolate or sweets and **MUST NOT** contain any products with nuts as we have several pupils with nut allergies.

Lunchtimes across the school will be staggered to avoid bubbles mixing. All surfaces will be cleaned between sittings. Most children will eat their lunch in the hall although Year 6 will eat packed lunches in the Y6 classroom.



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## Handwashing

Handwashing will be timetabled into the day at regular intervals and we will be promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach across the school. Children will be taught how to wash their hands properly. Unless your child has a medical condition, your child must not bring their own hand soap into school.

## Behaviour

Our high expectations of behaviour will remain in place. However, the health and safety aspect of inappropriate behaviours are key at this time so any behaviour which puts other children or adults at risk would mean we would have to send a child home.

We expect all parents to support our social distancing rules.

## **Hutton Out Of Hours Provision (Hooops) Breakfast Club and After School club**

Breakfast and After school provision **will resume** on the 8<sup>th</sup> March, please ensure you book and pay for your child using the online service (Parent Pay). If payment is not made in advance the booking will not go through.

This will start the first week back- from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Children arriving for breakfast club will need to enter the building via the side Foyer door. Please ring the doorbell and a member of staff will come and meet you. For parents picking up children from after school club please follow the same procedures.

Dashing off to work in the morning? Why not use our Breakfast Club which starts from 7:45am daily. (You can drop anytime up to 8:25am and your child is given breakfast of fruit juice, cereal and toast).

Finding it hard to get through the traffic at the end of the day? Ease your day with an afternoon booking (3:00-4:30pm) and let your child enjoy a fun filled after school club session with their friends. Or, if you work later book an Afterschool Club session and pick up any time up to 6:00pm. Children are provided with a healthy snack (e.g beans on toast, piece of fruit) during the Afterschool care sessions.

## **Parking**

As you know Parking around the school is very limited, and the village Hall car park is private. Please support school by parking on Vereland Road, Holm Road or Moorcroft Road (without blocking driveways) and walk up the footpath to school.



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Finally, we are looking forward to welcoming all children back into school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Returning to school is vital for your child's education and wellbeing therefore we expect all children to return to school. Holidays or days out will not be authorised.

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