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Dear Mum, Dad and Carer

I hope that you and your family are well. Thank you for your continued support at this very difficult time; it is very much appreciated. Our school is grateful for the support you have given to your children to access the remote learning package during lockdown. We are now looking forward to welcoming all children back to school on Monday 8th March following the Government announcement.

Our return details are similar to those in December and the requirements are listed below:

	Gate	Arrival time	Departure time
Nursery	EY gate	8:45am	11:30am
Reception	EY gate	8:50am	3:05pm
Y1	EY gate	8:55am	3:10pm
Y2	KS1 gate	8:45am	3:05pm
Y3	KS1 gate	8:50am	3:10pm
Y4	KS1 gate	8:55am	3:15pm
Y5	KS2 gate	8:50am	3:10pm
Y6	KS2 gate	8:55am	3:15pm
Class 7&8	KS2 gate	8:45am	3:05pm

Please do not arrive earlier than 8:45am as gates will be locked. If you have pupils in more than one class, please arrive at the earlier times. It is important that children be on time so that bubbles do not mix. Gates will be locked immediately after these times and no late children will be admitted to school.

Whilst waiting at the gate or in the school playground, please remember to remain 2 meters apart and ensure children remain next to you. DO NOT allow them to touch any playground equipment.

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Drop off and collection should be strictly 1 person per family ONLY. Older siblings and other family members MUST not come onto the schoolyard with parents; they should wait at the KS2 gate.

All adults MUST wear a face covering when on school premises and these must not be removed.

Class Bubbles:

Children will continue to work in class bubbles with designated areas for outdoor play. Most classes return with the same adults. This will take into account any job shares that we have in place and staff illnesses. They may have other adults delivering activities, such as PE, ICT or Music, but they will be socially distanced.

Loaned Equipment:

If you have loaned a school device, please return this to school along with all other equipment (plugs, leads, sim dongles, cases) on Monday morning in a plastic bag with your child’s name on it. This will enable us to more easily monitor which equipment has been returned.

Illness

If a child or adult within a bubble becomes ill, the individual will be placed into isolation within the school until they can go home. Obviously, if this is a child, then it will be until a parent or carer is able to collect them. If the individual is showing symptoms of Coronavirus, you will be asked to take him/her for a test. If a positive result of Coronavirus is returned, the whole bubble of up to 30 children and staff must isolate for 10 days.

Meals

Breakfast will still be available as children enter their classrooms. Children who bring a packed lunch into school should do so in a named disposal carrier.

Safety

Our comprehensive risk assessment can be found on our website.

Playtimes will be staggered and groups will have designated areas to play in, not mixing with any other groups. We will hold assemblies or any activities were groups would normally mix through TEAMS.

Additional cleaning materials will be in each classroom and hand washing and wiping down routines will be in place regularly throughout the day. Tissues will be available in each classroom and we have pedal bins with lids to dispose of tissues in line with “catch it, bin it, kill it” advice.

Behaviour Policy:

The behaviour policy has been updated to reflect the new working arrangements and any child that knowingly puts themselves, other children or staff at risk will immediately be sent home until guarantees are met about his or her behaviour. We will do everything we can to reduce risk but we cannot 100% guarantee that staff and children will not touch, brush past or come within 2 metres of someone

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else. We are not prepared to punish children if they “forget”; we will simply remind them gently and clearly.

We will continue to follow guidance and to do our absolute best to keep our staff, our children and our families safe, and we will be following the most recent medical advice and local statistics to inform our decisions going forward.

Traveling to School:

If you live a short distance from your school, walk to and from school wherever it is possible and safe to do so.

Please avoid sharing a car with anyone outside of your household or support bubble.

If you are using public transport to get to school, plan and allow more time for your journey.

When you are travelling by public or dedicated school transport, do not forget to wear a face covering. It is important you wear them for the entirety of your journey, including inside a bus or train station.

Social distance where possible.

Wash or sanitise your hands regularly.

Your Part

We are still in a National Lockdown. Households and children should not be socialising and mixing outside of school. At home and in the community, please observe social distancing at all times and follow Government advice. We often hear from children that Government guidelines are not being followed outside of school. Please help us protect our staff and children, and do not increase the risk of spreading Covid 19. The Local Authority have now provided guidance for school on how to report these incidents.

It is our priority to keep everyone safe. Thank you for your continued support.

If you have any comments, questions or concerns then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Skillcorn
Head Teacher