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REOPENING OF SCHOOLS FROM THE 8th MARCH

Dear parents and carers,

We are all looking forward to the return of all children to school on 8th March 2021. The staff have been preparing the classrooms and they are looking great, especially after the fresh paint job they have had. We have lots of practical, hands on learning planned and activities to help them get back into the swing of socialising. Please see further information below regarding the return.

Drop off and pick up:

Please bring your child in through the main gate entrance and wait socially distanced in a line in the playground. The children will be taken in through their classroom doors onto the playgrounds, with the exception of Tigers class which will be through the pupil entrance.

A one way system will be in operation for the use of gates- the exit gate is the one that goes onto the school car park.

Parents, please socially distance in the playground while you wait at collection time.

The children can be collected at from the same door as they entered. Please see table below for start/finish times.

Class	Start Time	Finish Time
<u>Cubs</u>	8:45am	2:45pm
<u>Leopards</u>	8:55am	3:00pm
<u>Jaguars</u>	8:45am	2:50pm
<u>Tigers</u>	8.45am	2.50pm
<u>Lions</u>	8.50am	3:00pm

Please note: No parents will be allowed in the classrooms or in school without an appointment and please remain socially distant from the classroom doors.

Please ensure that you wear a mask at all times whilst on the school site unless you can provide an exemption note.

Try to only send children to school with one adult to drop off and pick up at the allocated time. You should only bring siblings if you absolutely have no alternative option. If you do need to bring siblings, they will need to be by your side and adhere to the social distancing measures we have put in place.

This will continue to be our procedure for arriving and leaving school regardless of weather conditions.

Children should wear school uniform and they should only bring essentials from home e.g. a water bottle/coat/reading book etc.

Children must wash/sanitise their hands on entry to school and continue to wash them at very regular intervals during the day.

Toilets will be allocated to each bubble.

Breakfast club will be reopening as of Monday 8th March. As spaces are limited, this will be on a booking basis. Please contact the office should you need to book a place.

There will be no After School Clubs until further notice.

Behaviour

The safety of staff and other children is paramount. Children must follow the school rules and the Covid19 behaviour and hygiene procedures at all times.

Lunch

Lunch breaks will be staggered to avoid contact with other bubbles as much as possible.
Lunch can be ordered via Lunchshop as usual.

Playtimes

Children will have an allocated playtime and will not mix with other bubbles.
Outside play equipment like the adventure climbing frame will only be used by one bubble of children and it will be cleaned after each use.

In the classroom:

The children will remain in their allotted classrooms for the duration of the day except for allocated break times.

Doors will be kept open where possible to avoid touching handles

Windows will be open as much as possible to aid ventilation.

They will not be allowed to mix with children from other bubbles.

Children will not be allowed to leave the classroom for any other reason except toileting. The toilets will be cleaned regularly.

Cleaning

The classrooms will be cleaned at the end of each day in line with Government guidance. The bins will be emptied, and desks will be sprayed throughout the day. Handles will be wiped regularly throughout the day.

Symptoms of Coronavirus.

If your child or anyone in your household is displaying any of the 3 symptoms (cough, temperature, loss of sense of smell or taste) they MUST NOT come to school. Please contact the school office to inform us and take your child for a test.

If a child displays symptoms (temperature, cough or loss of sense of smell / taste) at school they will be immediately taken to an isolation room and you will be expected to collect them immediately. They should then be taken for testing. If the test is positive you must inform the school immediately.

The same process will be followed by the adults at school.

All these precautions have been put in place to stop the spread of the virus and to ensure that we all take as much care as possible in ensuring that groups of children do not come into contact. We want to protect your children, you and of course our staff.

Please see the school website for more information on the Risk Assessment.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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