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## **School reopening to ALL children on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March-**

### **Changes to dropping off and hometimes**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Further to yesterday's letter, I am writing to confirm the arrangements for the beginning and end of the school day.

These arrangements are an extremely important aspect of our safety arrangements and your support with these will be vital in maintaining safety for our whole community.

#### Mornings:

**These arrangements are mostly unchanged from those in place before Christmas.** School is still unable to begin a full breakfast club provision at this time. However, school will continue to be open from 8:25am to ALL children. Children may arrive at any time from 8:25am to 8:55am, when lessons begin. This will hopefully assist working parents and allow for a staggered and calm start to the day. Staff will be on duty at the gate and playground to supervise children into their usual entrance routes. Each year group has a separate entry door to ensure that 'bubbles' do not mix. Children will be provided with supervised activities until lessons begin. Owing to the magnificent support of 'Magic Breakfast', we are able to offer toast, cereal and bagels to all children throughout the morning. As before Christmas, only parents of our youngest children will be permitted to enter the site, all other children must be dropped off at the gate. After you have dropped your child off, please move away from the gate and do not gather in groups.

As before Christmas, the school gate will be locked shortly after the beginning of the school day. Once children are in their secure bubbles, safe access is not possible- so please do not be late!

#### Hometimes:

**We have made some important changes to the hometime arrangements for the benefit and protection of you and your families.**

We have established an 'In' and 'Out' gate for hometimes to eliminate any congestion or crowding. The usual pedestrian gate is to be used as the 'In' gate to enter the playground. After collecting your child, please leave via the car park 'Out' gate. The car park will be safely closed off to all cars to allow it to be used as the exit gate.

This means that the normal exit door for year 4 will not be in use, so year 4 will exit at the side door near to the school office.

It also means some slight changes to the end of the school day which are below:

Reception	3:00pm
Year 1	3:00pm
Year 2	3:00pm
Year 3	3:10pm
Year 4	3:15pm
Year 5	3:10pm
Year 6	3:05pm

***The times for morning and afternoon nursery are unchanged- 8:30am to 11:30am and 12:15pm to 3:15pm.***

**It is absolutely vital that you stick precisely to these timings in order to limit the numbers on the playground and to make sure that children can exit safely within their year group bubble.** If you are collecting children from more than one year group, you must stay at a distance from others and keep your children at your side at all times.

Face coverings:

**The wearing of face coverings is compulsory.** Only those with medical exemptions will be allowed onto the school site without a face covering.

Social distancing:

2m social distancing must be observed at all times. There must be **no gathering of groups on the playground or at the gates.** Staff are not available for face to face meetings before or after school. Contact must be made through telephoning or emailing the school office or through the Class Dojo messaging facility.

Please observe all signs and safety markings which are there for the protection of us all. Staff will also be on duty before and after school and will be able to direct you safely.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Warmest Regards

Mr David Potter

Head Teacher