

Monday 1st March

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you have managed to have a restful and enjoyable half term break under the current circumstances.

No doubt, you are as pleased as we are to hear that schools would be reopening from Monday 8th March; we are looking forward to welcoming all of our children back into our schools once more. You can see the latest guidance from the Department of Education here:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/latest?departments%5B%5D=department-for-education>

I wanted to write to you to set out our initial plans for reintroducing our children into schools. The DfE has stated that **school attendance will be mandatory for all children** from Monday 8th March and that **schools will have discretion on how to phase the return of children over that week**. We will continue to take a measured approach to ensure that all members of our school community are kept safe.

Clinically vulnerable staff and children

The latest guidance is that Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) staff and students should be supported to work remotely and should not attend school at present. We have previously contacted parents/carers of any CEV children and discussed their needs. Please contact us directly if you have concerns and you have not already spoken to a member of staff.

Uniform and appropriate clothing on cold days

To reflect the updated guidance, teachers will continue to ensure that their classrooms have good airflow and ventilation to reduce the risk of transmission. On cold days, children should be reminded to wear suitable layers of clothing (e.g. base layers under uniform and a school jumper). **Please note that all children will be expected to attend school in full uniform.**

I know that some families will feel anxious about the return to school. Please be reassured that the safety of our young people and staff is of paramount importance and our robust risk assessments are regularly updated and reviewed to reflect the latest guidance. Since the start of term, we have responded immediately to any identified positive cases or any children or staff with symptoms to reduce the risk of transmission. We continue to use a robust procedure to identify contacts and move quickly to ensure that close contacts are sent home to isolate.

In order to facilitate the safe return to schools and, in keeping with the DfE's suggestion that we can use discretion to support our wider reopening, we will be operating a staggered start from March 8th. **Please note, the timings for some year groups have changed** to help reduce the amount of people in a particular area outside of the school gates.

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Phase	Year Group	Entrance/exit	Arrival	Dismissal
EYFS	Nursery	Morning - Enter and exit through pedestrian gate next to main entrance (Broomfield Road). Afternoon - Enter through pedestrian gate next to main entrance (Broomfield Road). At home time - leave from Nursery door on Nursery playground - Parents will enter down the drive way and round to the nursery class door in the playground, to drop off and collect. They must follow the one way in and out signs.	8.30am morning session 12.15 pm Afternoon session	11.30 am 3.15 pm
	RF	EYFS/KSI - Gate Broomfield Road - Parents will enter down the drive way and round to the reception class door in the playground, to drop off and collect. They must follow the one way in and out signs. There will be no access to KSI or KS2	8.45 am	3.15 pm
	RG	EYFS/KSI - Gate Broomfield Road - Parents will enter down the drive way and round to the reception class door in the playground, to drop off and collect. They must follow the one way in and out system. There will be no access to KSI or KS2	8.45am	3.15 pm
Key Stage 1	1P	Pedestrian gate (at the side of the main entrance) then through the door at the top of the ramp and into year 1.	8.45 am	3.15 pm
	1K	Pedestrian gate (at the side of the main entrance) then through the door at the top of the ramp and into year 1.	8.45 am	3.15 pm
	2S	EYFS/KSI gate on Broomfield Road, children will be dropped off at the reception classroom doors and collected from the doors. A one-way system will be in operation with a queuing system on the playground. Children will enter and exit through the Year 1 & 2 entrance. There will be no access to KS2	8.45 am	3.15 pm
	2H	EYFS/KSI gate on Broomfield Road, children will be dropped off and collected at the 2H classroom doors. A one-way system will be in operation with a queuing system on the playground. Children will enter and exit through the 2H classroom door on the playground. There will be no access to KS2	8.45 am	3.15pm

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Key Stage 2	3P	KS2 gate on Slade Road and door at side of 3P (there will be a one way system in place)	8.45 am	3.15pm
	3J	KS2 gate on Slade Road and door directly into classroom on playground (there will be a one-way system in place There will be no access to KSI	8.45am	3.15pm
	4B	Pedestrian gate 1 on Slade Road then through bad weather entrance	8.55 am	3.25 pm
	4K	Pedestrian gate 1 on Slade Road then through bad weather entrance	8.55 am	3.25 pm
	5S	Pedestrian gate 5 on Broomfield Road then directly up the steps in through the Year 5 door	8.45 am	3.15 pm
	5G	Pedestrian gate 5 on Broomfield Road then directly up the steps in through the Year 5 door	8.45am	3.15pm
	6S	Pedestrian gate 2 by Inclusion hub - Broomfield Road	8.55 am	3.25 pm
	6B	Pedestrian gate 2 by Inclusion hub - Broomfield Road	8.55 am	3.25pm

Your support and cooperation as always is really valued and we are looking forward to welcoming children back to school.

Yours sincerely

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