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Dear Parents/Carers,

Full Re-Opening of Schools on Monday 8th March 2021 Return Arrangements

Following the government's announcement last Monday, all primary school children will be returning to school on Monday 8th March as a statutory requirement. Children will return to their classes on a full-time basis with the same arrangements as before the January lockdown. This will include continuity of their teacher, teaching assistant and their peers.

As with the previous return from lockdown, we have carefully planned the most effective way possible to support all children with their return.

Throughout the third lockdown, the school has continued to provide provision when required for children of critical worker parents and vulnerable children. It is recognised that families will have faced many different changes in their circumstances including challenging times during this third period of COVID lockdown. As previously, we would like to provide reassurance that children's educational needs and their mental health, well-being re-establishing positive friendships and social interactions with peers will form the main areas of focus on return.

Children will be seated front facing in their classrooms and will sit side by side rather than across tables from each other. Adults in school will wear face coverings within the communal areas and on arrival and collection. Social distancing between adults and other classes will continue as before as much as possible.

Teachers and teaching assistants will be identifying the key learning gaps within each class across different subject areas. Appropriate revision and catch up of skills will be incorporated into classroom teaching and learning. We trust you found the remote learning opportunities helpful to fully support and assist your child at home. We would like to thank all the parents who actively prompted, encouraged and supported their child(ren) with their remote learning. This will have helped their learning skills, development, progression and independence.

As before, we have included a summary of the information to support your child's return to school on Monday 8th March.

When is my child to return to school and is this on a phased return basis?

- All children will be returning to school on Monday 8th March. There will be no phased return for primary aged children following this third lockdown.
- Your child will attend school full-time (if they are over the age of 5 years old) which will be a national requirement set by the government.

Arrival and Collection Arrangements

- Staggered arrival times will need to continue until further notice/changes to government guidelines are received. Children will receive the same amount of standard teaching time each day as the lunchtime period will be reduced to accommodate additional learning.
- It is really important to keep to the 5 minute allocated arrival and collection times below to avoid contact with other classes and to reduce congestion for parents. Please note the entrance/exit arrangements too.

Classes	Arrival	Collection
Nursery	9.05am -9.10am at the Nursery gate	3.05-3.10pm at the Nursery gate
Class 1 (Reception)	9.00-9.05am at the main school entrance	3.00-3.05pm at the main school entrance
Class 2 (Year 1 & Year 2)	8.55am-9.00am at the Class 2 outdoor area gate	2.55pm-3.00pm at the Class 2 outdoor area gate
Class 3 (Year 3 & Year 4)	8.50am-8.55am at the main school entrance	2.50-2.55pm at the front of school visible to the gate
Class 4 (Year 5 and Year 6)	8.45am-8.50am at the main school entrance	2.45pm-2.50pm at the front of school visible to the gate

- Where possible, only one parent to bring their child(ren) to school and help avoid congestion on the pathways/pavements.
- Your child will be greeted at their arrival points by their class teacher or teaching assistant.
- There will be no requirement to complete temperature checks on arrival at school.
- As children enter the school, they will be asked to visit the toilet and to wash and dry their hands thoroughly before entering their classrooms.
- Children will be directed about where to put their coat, snack, water bottle and lunch. No other belongings from home should be brought into school unless specified by your child's class teacher/teaching assistant.

What to bring/wear

- Children are to wear their school uniform. We appreciate there is a delay in ordering any new uniform currently from the supplies. To assist parents, children can wear either the summer, or winter clothing until a review after the Easter holiday. Please make sure jumpers are clearly labelled. Trainers can be worn until further notice.
- Please send your child's P.E. kit into school with them at the beginning of the week. This can be left for flexibility of PE lessons and to take advantage of any dry weather.
- A coat, water bottle, a snack and lunch (if required in a lunch box) are all the items your child will need.
- Do not bring any pencil cases or any other belongings from home unless instructed by the class teacher.
- A hot lunch can be provided by the school kitchen and this should be paid for by cash or cheque (made payable to Shropshire Council) in advance of that week (£2.40 per day for children in Year 3-Year 6 and free for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 through the Universal Free School meals scheme).
- Please return any inhalers (in date) which are needed.
- No face coverings, soap, other hand sanitisers, hand creams should be brought into school. Sensitive, hypoallergenic soap will be provided for all children for handwashing.

Structure of the day/Routines

- Pupils' mental health, well-being and social skills will form the key areas of focus on return to school.
- Regular outdoor learning opportunities will be provided where possible.
- Playtimes and lunchtimes will be staggered.
- Regular handwashing with soap and water throughout the day will be essential. Paper towels and hand dryers can be used.
- Regular cleaning of hand basins and toilets will take place. The main toilets will be used by key stage 2 pupils. Nursery, Class 1 and Class 2 will use their own separate toilets.
- Lunchtimes - Children will eat lunch in their classrooms where this is most appropriate. There will be staggered times to enable outdoor play and ensure classes are kept apart. Quiet reading will take place following lunchtime play to support reading catch up. Daily/weekly menus can be found on the school's website.
- Forest School will be arranged on Wednesday mornings for Class 1 and Fridays mornings for Class 2. Please send your child dressed ready with a coat, wellies and a change of footwear.
- Please note, if parents need to contact the school, this will need to be made via a phone call or email to the school office as no parents will be able to enter the school building. The school office will close at 3.30pm. Extra cleaning will be required on the site each day.

How Parents can help us

- Arrive and collect within the 5 minute allocation windows.

- Wear a face covering as soon as you get out of your car, at all times on the pavement and pathways outside of school and on the school site.
- Remember to socially distance with others at all times around the school site and lane.
- No congregating at all with other parents/families to avoid cross bubbles. Leaving immediately after drop off and collection.
- Support us by keeping yourselves and families safe too! Staff are carrying out lateral flow tests twice a week and some members of staff have begun accessing the vaccination programme to help with systems of control. Please respect our whole school community by acting responsibly.
- Park considerately around the school and village and be aware of pedestrians on the pavements/lanes.

Extended Schools Provision

The Sunrise and Sunset Clubs will continue as before from 7.45am until 5.30pm with the different previous time options available. Regular advanced bookings with correct payment until Easter will be required to secure the places. Booking forms and further details can be found on our school website.

What happens if anyone in the class becomes unwell?

- Where a suspected case of Covid-19 (persistent cough and/or high temperature with loss of smell/taste), is found, you will be informed immediately and asked to collect your child as a matter of urgency.
- Please make sure your contact details are up to date and accessible at all times.
- If a child or adult shows any suspected COVID-19 symptoms, an NHS test must be completed as soon as possible. If the test shows to be negative, the person can return to school as long as they are feeling well. If the test shows to be positive, the whole group including, the teacher, teaching assistant, children and their families must all self-isolate for 10 days.
- **If your child or anyone in your home is displaying any symptoms of COVID-19, or is generally unwell, please do NOT send them into school.**

Attendance at School

From March, the government have made it compulsory for all children to return to school. The current national advice is that shielding has now ceased. If your child is not coming into school due to illness, or any other reason, you must let the school know straight away. Please phone the school office and leave a message if we are unable to take your call. Schools are being asked to complete registers for the DfE, so we will need to know the reason for absence. Attendance will also be monitored by the Education Welfare Officers.

Collection at the end of the day

- We ask that parents socially distance from others when waiting for/collecting their child and that parents leave the school pathway/pavement areas around school as soon as their child has been collected.
- The parent collecting, needs to be visible to the staff so that children can be released safely.

- Please use the red marked out pathway and the one-way system when arriving and leaving the school. The route begins from the front school gate. Follow the red marked areas and signs along the pathway, passed the school entrance area, school hall, class 2 building, bins and then via the marked out area of the car park to exit.
- As with the arrival, there will be a staggered allocated minute time slots for collection to ensure parents can social distance and children are kept apart.
- If your child is in either of the key stage 2 classes or the Reception class, they will exit the school from the main entrance area, using the one-way marked system.

Please familiarise yourself with the map of the school site showing the previous entrance/collection points and the one-way system.

Any further or additional information which may be required will be made available on the homepage of our school website under the 'March 2021 Return to School' tab.

Thank you to all parents who have supported remote learning during these challenging times.

We very much look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on Monday 8th March!

Kind regards

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Mrs S. L. Woolley

Headteacher