



2nd March 2021

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Dear Parents/Carers

Reopening Kersall Drive to all children

Next Monday (8th March) we will be reopening school and look forward to seeing ALL children back in class. Ahead of the reopening we have been reviewing and updating the necessary risk assessments and protocols which remain in place to ensure school is as safe a possible to all children, staff and parents.

On the whole, school will operate exactly as it was doing prior to the Christmas holidays, which was the last time the majority of children were on site. The children and staff will still remain in bubbles to minimise close contacts in the event of any positive cases.

Please remind yourself of our expectations 'Parent and Pupil Protocols' :

- Only **ONE** parent per family to come on site (no matter how many children)
- Staggered start times **A-M surnames 8:40-8:45 N-Z surnames 8:45-8:50**
 - Gates will be locked promptly at 8:50
 - ALL children should be in school by 8:50
 - Children may make their own way into school from the gate (except for those in EYFS)
 - Lateness risks bubbles being popped as gates and exterior classroom doors will be closed at this time
- Staggered finish times
 - Monday to Thursday - **A-M surnames 3:20-3:25 N-Z surnames 3:25 – 3:30**
 - Friday - **A-M surnames 12:50-12:55 N-Z surnames 12:55 – 13:00**
 - Please do not arrive earlier than you need to, to avoid crowding on the playground
 - You are required to wait outside the gate until it is your time slot
- The one-way system remains in place around school
- Enter the site at the small gate near the field
- Keep a 2m distance from people from other households whilst on site
- Drop-off and collection points are the same as they were in Autumn Term
- One person at the office at a time – if you need to wait please keep your 2m distance on the path near the notice board
- No parents should enter the classroom doors, please remain 2m from the entrances at all times
- Children must bring a named water bottle into school as there are no water fountains
- We will continue to offer our Rainbow club provision for working parents on a Friday afternoon. To sign up, please use the link that will go out in Friday's newsletter.



Attendance:

We are looking forward to seeing all of the children back with us and hope we continue to have good attendance rates as we had in Autumn Term. May we remind you of your duty to secure your child's regular attendance at school unless they have symptoms, are a close contact of someone who has symptoms / tested positive or are shielding. The Government has stated that school has the ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct if there are ongoing attendance issues. We hope that with clear communication between home and school that this can be avoided. Please call school if there are any concerns with attendance.

Punctuality is more important than ever as every minute will count to ensure your child is able to access important learning time. If you are late you risk bursting the class bubbles. We expect all children, except those accessing the paid for afterschool club, to be collected on time at the end of the day.

Laptop Return:

If your child was provided with a school laptop during the lockdown we ask that it is returned on Monday 8th March. Please bring it to the office so you can sign to say it has been returned. If there are any issues with the laptops on return we will be in contact with you.

Other guidance relevant for parents/carers from the full risk assessment:

- Children are **not** required to wear a face covering in school but we are aware that some may travel on public transport or arrive by taxi and may therefore be wearing a mask. There is a process in place for removing face coverings when pupils who use them arrive at school. Pupils are instructed not to touch the front of their face covering during use or when removing them. They must wash their hands immediately on arrival (as is the case for all pupils), dispose of temporary face coverings in a covered bin or place reusable face coverings in a plastic bag they can take home with them, and then wash their hands again before heading to their classroom.
- Parents/carers and pupils are encouraged to walk or cycle to the school where possible. Anyone who travels to school using public transport should read the safer travel guidance for passengers: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers>
- Parents and carers should be aware of the current quarantine restrictions if they return from countries outside the Common Travel Area (i.e. UK, the Crown Dependencies (Bailiwick of Jersey, Bailiwick of Guernsey and the Isle of Man) and Ireland), noting that quarantine may affect their ability to comply with statutory attendance. There is still a ban on foreign travel and holidays by the Government and we ask families to respect this.

Testing at Home - Lateral Flow Device tests:

Staff have been undertaking Lateral Flow tests for the past few weeks to ensure any asymptomatic cases are identified to minimise the risk of bubble closures. This will remain in place and should any staff member test positive, the close contacts in the bubble they work in will be notified and asked to self-isolate. If the staff member subsequently tests negative with the PCR



test then the bubble will reopen before the end of the 10 day period. This enables school to take precautions with the risk of spreading any infection. If the staff member's PCR test is however positive the bubble will remain closed and remote learning will begin for the children impacted by this.

According to reports in the Nottingham Post parents may undertake testing at home with the Lateral Flow Devise test (LFD). More information about where to get these tests will provided when we have had some clarity over this from the Government and Nottingham City Council.

Breakfast and Afterschool Club:

The paid for breakfast and afterschool club will continue to run on the hall for the rest of this term for those children already booked in. Please ensure you have paid for your sessions.

There will be no Early Birds breakfast club until further notice. Apologies for the inconvenience.

Once again we are very much looking forward to having the children back in the classrooms and to some form of routine. We thank you for all that you have done with your child over the last 8 weeks and hope that you also are able to return to your routines without being the Head of your Home School 😊.

Please contact the office if you have any queries before Monday comes.

Yours sincerely



Miss Dickens
Head of School

