



4.3.20

Dear parents and carers,

I am so excited to welcome back all children on Monday the 8th of March. I wanted to say a huge thank you to you all whether you have been home schooling or your child has been accessing school. Your sensible and calm approach has been appreciated by all the staff in school. You have worked wonders with your children and I know they will come back into school ready and excited to see their friends and learn.

I wanted to reassure you that we will be supporting **all** the children with their return into school. We will spend time assessing them, observing them and talking to them. A huge part of our work will be restabilising routines and focusing on mental health and wellbeing.

We will be looking at gaps in their learning and **we** will be responsible for plugging those.

Your children will need down time, they will need rest and to be around other children. They do not need a diet of school and then more school work pressure when they get home. Please take part in the homework set but then let them play, encourage family time, go on adventures, embrace the fresh air. Their gross motor skills will need development, therefore bike riding, running, playing will be critical for their development. If you over-work your child frantically giving them more and more work, they will grow to dislike learning and therefore become a reluctant learner which is harder to correct. Your role in this is to provide a loving, caring safe environment for your child - this will give them the foundation to learn naturally and comfortably and will bring them on faster than getting them to work through the weekend, believe me.

Expect them to be tired, expect them to have social and emotional issues regarding friendships this is **NORMAL** and part of their development. Give them chance to talk, share experiences with you and more importantly have some fun !

Below you will find some commonly asked questions and some information about logistics. Please read this carefully and contact school if you have any further questions or concerns.

Drop off and pick up

We are continuing to request that only one adult drops off and picks up and that adult needs to wear a mask when dropping off and collecting.

Please can I mention as well that parents need to be dropping off or picking up **and then leaving the premises as soon as possible**. As sad as it makes me, this cannot be a social time.

Please once again adhere to the one-way system we have in place. I know this has been relaxed whilst there have been less families in the playground however this will change from the 8th and **the one-way system will be mandatory**.

The arrangements for your child(s) classes are detailed below:

Year Group	Entrance	Entrance time	Collection point	Collection time
Reception	Classroom door (normal entrance)	From 8.40 – 9.00	Classroom door – then all parents and children exit	3.00

			through the bottom playground gate	
Year 1	Link corridor (normal entrance)	From 8.40 – 9.00	Fire exit in the reception outdoor area - then all parents and children exit through the bottom playground gate	3.00
Year 2	Link corridor (normal entrance)	From 8.40 – 9.00	Council Macca Gate	3.00
Year 3	Y3/4 cloakroom door (normal entrance)	From 8.40 – 9.00	Y3/4 cloakroom door	3.15
Year 4	Y4 fire door (normal entrance)	From 8.40 – 9.00	Y4 fire door	3.15
Year 5	Link corridor (normal entrance)	From 8.40 – 9.00	Bottom playground gate	3.15
Year 6	Main entrance	From 8.40 – 9.00	Main entrance	3.15

Explorers drop off and pickup arrangements

Please can children be dropped off at the link corridor as per previous arrangements and be collected from the link corridor at the end of the day. The front entrance should no longer be used. Please contact the office if you have not filled in a requirement form for Explorers – **We will not be accepting places for children if you have not filled in the form and we will not be accepting children who are not booked in as we have limited spaces.**

What can my child bring to school

This time we are allowing children to bring bookbags to school. These need to be small not a great big huge backpack as they take up too much room. It can be the polythene book bag we sent home last half term as these can be wiped down.

We are still not allowing pencil cases at the moment.

They can bring a water bottle, a healthy snack and if they need to, a lunch box.

Your child must not bring trinkets or cuddlies from home unless this is prior arranged with the class teacher of SENCO.

PE and Outdoor Learning

We will be continuing with your child wearing their PE kit on the day of their PE. We will be sending out when your child has PE and outdoor learning on the 8th.

Homework

We will be continuing to use Seesaw and Class Dojo once we return to school and this will be where homework will be published and you can upload your child's work. Again, information about homework will be sent home on the 8th

Lunches

There will be the usual menu available for the children including a hot option.

Your child can bring a packed lunch.

Healthy eating and choices

We will be having a big push on healthy eating and exercise after we return. We will be thinking about what we eat for lunch and snack. Can I please remind you that playtime snacks can only be a fruit or vegetable (such as carrot sticks etc) or a low sugar cereal bar – you can of course send you own healthy option.

We will be talking to the children about healthy lunchboxes. Please don't include lots of sugary items in your child's lunchbox.

Also, we will be clamping down on juice in water bottles this is not acceptable nor needed and we will replace juice with water should child bring them to school.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child is wear the correct uniform for school and PE. I have attached the uniform policy to this letter but please no fancy hair accessories, no trainers (unless it's PE) and the school colours are black, grey, white and red.

During lockdown the children could wear dark coloured joggers as it was colder. The weather is now improving so school trousers are more appropriate. Please contact your child's class teacher if you feel your child is complaining about being cold.

Please pay particular attention to the PE uniform policy.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Alice Jones

Headteacher

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