



**'All Moving Forward
Together'**

2nd March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the return of all pupils on Monday 8th March draws nearer I wanted to write to remind everyone of the safety measures and routines that everyone must follow to ensure the successful return to school as saw during the autumn term. After reading the government guidance I am pleased to let you know that there will not be any changes to the measures that were in place before Christmas. I must stress however, that even though we are able to open the school to all pupils again, everyone must still follow the national restrictions until the government give other advice. This includes not mixing households and other than coming to school or going to work the 'Stay at Home' message is still in place.

Staggered Drop-off/Collection Times and On Site Safety Measure

To reduce the number of people on site we will continue operating the staggered start and finish times. Siblings can enter at the same time through the main office door where staff will take them to their individual 'bubbles'. The allocated times are as follows:

- **Ladybirds (Mrs Theakston)**
 - 8.50am to 3pm – Please use the Southfield Road gate and the children will enter and leave through the doors near the gazebo.
- **Butterflies (Mrs Buckton/Miss Kelly)**
 - 9am to 3.10pm – Please use the Allotment Lane gate and the children will enter and leave through the Foundation Stage cloakroom door to the rear of the school.
- **Bumblebees (Miss Dean/Miss Faulkner)**
 - 8.50am to 3pm – Please use the Allotment Lane gate. The children will enter and leave through the Key Stage 1 cloakroom door. Parents/carers should wait at the top of the steps but please follow social distancing signage.
- **Caterpillars (Miss Tate)**
 - 9am to 3.10pm - Please use the Southfield Road gate and the children will enter and leave through the doors near the gazebo.
- **Dragonflies (Mrs Baarda)**
 - 9.10am to 3.20pm – Please use the Southfield Road gate and wait on the right-hand side of the playground towards the edge in the marked areas. Children will be met on the playground in the morning and brought out to the playground at the end of the day.
- **Grasshoppers (Miss Yorke)**
 - 9.10am to 3.20pm – Please use the Allotment Lane gate and wait on the left-hand side of the playground towards the edge in the marked areas. Children will be met on the playground in the morning and brought out to the playground at the end of the day.

Please note: Children must remain with their parent/carer at all times on the playground and will not be able to play on the playground or equipment at the beginning and end of the day. The gates will not be opened until 8.45am and all adults should leave the school grounds once their child has entered school or been met by their teacher. This is to meet social distancing regulations. Also, please can any communication required with teachers at the beginning or end

of the day be done via a written note or phone call to the office. Teachers will then contact you as soon as possible.

To keep everyone safe please ensure the following safety measures are followed at all times:

- **Face coverings to be worn whilst on the school grounds, by everyone over the age of 11 years, unless exempt.**
- **Keep 2 metres apart and follow social distancing signage**
- **Arrive no earlier than 5 minutes before your child's allocated pick up and drop off time.**
- **Children must remain with their own parent/carer at all times.**
- **One adult to collect and drop off.**
- **Parents/carers to leave the site promptly.**
- **Use of allocated gates and one way systems.**

Rapid Lateral Flow Testing

As you will be aware from the media, rapid lateral flow Covid-19 testing has been introduced for all staff in school. This has been implemented and will continue once all pupils return. You may also be aware that the government is introducing this for the households and support bubbles of all primary school pupils too. This testing will take place at home and tests can be accessed through the following link: [Household and Support Bubble Lateral Flow Testing Information](#). The school are unable to provide these home test kits.

Breakfast Club

We are pleased to be able to begin our usual Breakfast Club provision again from Monday 8th March. This will be from 8am to school start time including breakfast (£2.50) and 8.30am to school start time for drop-off (£1). Limited spaces are available from 7.45am (£3.50) but these do need booking in advance please.

Uniform and Equipment

As before, we would like all children to return to school in uniform. Please be aware that doors and windows will be open in classrooms to provide adequate ventilation, so we suggest children wear layers, with maybe a vest and definitely a sweatshirt or cardigan. We would also request that children come to school wearing their PE kits on their allocated P.E days. You will receive a text before the end of the week to confirm which day this will be for your child.

Please can all children bring a filled water bottle each day. These will be sent home each day to be washed and re-filled.

We are really looking forward to seeing all the children back in school next week. I am sure they may be feeling a little nervous but please reassure them that it will be just like it was before Christmas and that those routines have not changed.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch and we will do everything we can to help you.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Sam Woolhouse
Headteacher

