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Friday 26th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you are as excited as we are about the prospect of your child returning back to school on Monday 8th March. To help ensure the return of all pupils goes as smoothly and safely as possible, we have outlined some advice and guidelines that we hope you will find useful.

We understand that the majority of our pupils have had an extended period of time out of school and their learning has been disrupted during this time. As a Federation we have been looking carefully at the curriculum and will be following a **recovery curriculum**. To support the pupils in their first week back the teachers have planned a range of activities to help them adjust back into the school routines and the classroom learning environment. As World Book Day is on Thursday 4th March, we have decided to celebrate this on Wednesday 10th March when the children have returned. There is a separate letter regarding this with more details. We are very mindful that we not only need to support the children with their academic 'catch up' but also with their **social and emotional development and well-being**. Teachers will be planning a range of PSHE activities to support the children. If you have any specific concerns, we urge you to speak to our Home School Link Worker, Ms Williams, as soon as possible.

We have been asked to remind parents that **pupils** of compulsory school age **must be in school** unless a statutory reason applies. If this is the case please let the school office know as soon as possible as we will be contacting parents if their child is not at school and we have not heard from them.

You will remember from the Autumn term we have a wide range of strategies to ensure we are following government guidance regarding Covid best practice. Below are some of our key strategies (many the same as our Autumn term practices) and information on how as parent/ carers can support us in our full reopening:

Bubble/group information

- Your child will spend most of their day with only their class peers. However, they will be put into a group for some of the day. This includes playtime and lunchtime and Collective Worship in the hall.
- Your child may have a different break or lunch time to the usual normal school day. This is so that they can play safely in their bubble.
- There will be collective worship each day but it will be delivered in a range of ways which are different to our normal routine. This will include live collective worship with groups being in the hall one at a time, to using Zoom as well as having visitors lead worship through a pre-recorded session.
- **Children of primary school age do not need to wear a face covering in school.**

Drop off and collection times

Drop off and collection times will remain similar to what they were at the end of the Autumn term as shown in the table overleaf.

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PENINSULA	GATES OPEN	SCHOOL STARTS	ACCESS/DEPARTURE GATE	PLAY/BREAK TIMES		LUNCH TIMES		SCHOOL ENDS
Group 1 Nursery	8.45 - 8.55 am	8.45 am	Nursery gate	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.45 am
Group 2 Reception	8.40 – 9 am	9.00 am	Double gates am Nursery gate pm	10.40 am	10.55 am	11.40 pm	12.40 pm	2.55 pm
Group 3 Year 1	8.40 – 9 am	9.00 am	Double gates am Nursery gate pm	10.40 am	10.55 am	12.00 pm	1.00 pm	3.05 pm
Group 4 Year 2	8.40 – 9 am	9.00 am	Double gates am	11.00 am	11.15 am	12.15 pm	1.15 pm	3.05 pm
Group 5 Year 3 and 4	8.40 – 9 am	9.00 am	Double gates am Nursery gate pm	11.00 am	11.15 am	12.15 pm	1.15 pm	3.15 pm
Group 6 Year 5 and 6	8.40 – 9 am	9.00 am	Double gates am	11.00 am	11.15 am	12.40 pm	1.40 pm	3.15 pm

Pupils need to use the assigned entrance/gate only. Staff will be on duty to ensure the pupils reach their classrooms safely. Parents will say goodbye to their child at the gate. Pupils will sanitize their hands as they enter the school grounds and then wash their hands once they get to their classroom.

Whilst waiting for your child/ren to be dismissed **please wait at a social distance.** There are markings for distancing on the pathway to our main gates. Staff will call children to come out to you once you are seen. Please note that dismissal does take longer than usual and we implore you to be patient as we all get used to this system.

We would like to politely remind parents/ carers that gathering at the school entrance and coming onto the premises without an appointment is **not** allowed. Please can you ensure you are wearing a **face covering (unless you are exempt) for drop off and pick up** to help keep yourselves and staff safe. Staff will be wearing face coverings and will not be able to engage in conversations with parents at the gate as this causes congestion. Please call the school office to arrange a telephone discussion if needed.

Uniform

Children should wear the **correct school uniform** as much as possible. We do understand they may have grown since we were last fully open and ask that any parents who are having difficulty in providing the correct uniform to let the school office know so that staff are aware.

Equipment

Please ensure your child brings a **water bottle** to school. They are allowed to bring bags to school but please these should only have essential equipment in them e.g. PE kit, reading book and reading record. Children should not bring anything else in from home. This includes pencil cases. All children will be given their own stationery set when they return to school which will be for their own use only.

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PE

The PE curriculum will be taught outside as much as possible although indoor PE is now allowed to take place. We would like the children to wear PE kit to school on the day their class has PE. They can wear their kit all day in school which means they do not need to bring their PE kit bag to school. The Federation PE kit is as follows:

- Dark shorts/tracksuit bottoms
- Plimsolls/trainers
- White t-shirt for PE use only

The table below shows when classes have PE.

Class	PE Days
Bellamy - Reception	Monday, Friday
Orchard - Reception	Monday, Friday
Stephens – Year 1	Tuesday, Thursday
Siderman – Year 1	Wednesday, Friday
Ipgrave – Year 2	Monday, Thursday
Chessun – Year 2	Monday, Wednesday
Sanders – Year 3	Tuesday, Wednesday
Elliott – Year 4	Tuesday, Wednesday
Talbot – Year 5	Tuesday, Friday
Powell – Year 5	Tuesday, Thursday
Gregory – Year 6	Wednesday, Friday

Birthday Treats

We are unable to allow children to bring in birthday treats to share with their class.

School meals

These will resume as usual. If your child has school dinners, then hot meals will be provided as normal. If your child has packed lunch, then please ensure they have a healthy lunch. To minimise lunch bags being touched by several people, your child will keep their lunch box with them in the classroom rather than using the school fridges at first.

Mobile Phones

If your child is in Year 5 or Year 6 and comes to school on their own, they are allowed to bring a **mobile phone**. However, these will not be collected in as usual and will need to remain turned off in your child's bag at all times. Please be reminded that this is at their own risk.

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Breakfast Club and After School Clubs

Breakfast and After school clubs will resume from 8th March. Please contact the school office if you require your child to have a place at breakfast club. This service, is available from 7.30am – until the start of the school day. Please contact Simply Play if you would like an After School Club place.

Prevention controls

Our previous regimes of **handwashing, cleaning, good respiratory hygiene** and environment adaptations will continue, including the use of situational PPE as needed. Additional cleaning of communal areas will be in place and the necessary resources to manage classrooms and other school areas, such as PE equipment, will be in place.

Pupils must not come into the school if they have one or more **coronavirus (COVID-19) symptom**, a member of their household (including someone in their **support bubble** or **childcare bubble** if they have one) has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, they are required to **quarantine having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area** or they have had a positive test

Our risk assessment has been updated to ensure best practice is in line with the very latest government guidance so that your child will be safe when they return to school.

You will have heard from the media that primary school staff have been asked to take a lateral flow test twice a week in order to identify anyone that may have CO-VID -19 without any symptoms. This testing breaks the chain of transmission. Our staff have already been self-testing since the end of January. Although there is not a requirement for primary school aged pupils to be tested, Greenwich local authority is continuing in its work to ensure that there are several centres which are open to all for asymptomatic testing. We strongly encourage you as a family to go to one of these centres (they are for people without CO-VID symptoms) and get tested. Please find more details at

https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/info/200329/coronavirus/2256/test_and_trace/3

We would like to once again thank you for all your support with your child's **home learning** as we understand many of you have done the very best you can to ensure they have completed their lessons at home. If you were loaned a **school laptop** please **return** this complete with accessories to the school office by Friday 12th March.

As always, we remain grateful for your support through this challenging time and very much look forward to welcoming your child back to school on Monday 8th March.

Kind regards,

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