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Dear Parents and Carers

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As you are no doubt already aware, all children will be returning to school from Monday 8th March – attendance will be mandatory, except for those children who are Clinically Extremely Vulnerable who need to shield. I'm sure this announcement was warmly welcomed. Once again, can I take this opportunity to thank you all for your cooperation in supporting the children's engagement with our remote education provision. Should there be a need to close a class or bubble, or a small group needs to self-isolate, those children affected will be able to access our remote education provision.

Thankfully, we have had two weeks' notice to prepare for the full return of pupils. Our provision will largely be the same as it was during the Autumn term, as the guidance around the system of controls remains very similar. I have summarised the key details below.

Information for the return of all pupils on Monday 8th March 2021

In order for you to have all the information you need regarding the return of all pupils, I recommend you read the DfE guidance we are working to as a start point (the version which applies from 8th March, which has some amendments from the version I shared with you previously):

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

There is also a guide for parents:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-covid-19#guidance>

From the guidance, we will continue to be focussed on the following system of controls:

System of controls

This is the set of actions schools must take. They are grouped into 'prevention' and 'response to any infection' and are outlined in more detail in the sections below.

Prevention:

- 1) *Minimise contact with individuals who are required to self-isolate by ensuring they do not attend the school.*
- 2) *Ensure face coverings are used in recommended circumstances.*
- 3) *Ensure everyone is advised to clean their hands thoroughly and more often than usual.*

- 4) *Ensure good respiratory hygiene for everyone by promoting the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach.*
- 5) *Maintain enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents.*
- 6) *Consider how to minimise contact across the site and maintain social distancing wherever possible.*
- 7) *Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.*

In specific circumstances:

- 8) *Ensure individuals wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) where necessary.*
- 9) *Promote and engage in asymptomatic testing, where available.*

Response to any infection:

- 10) *Promote and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.*
- 11) *Manage and report confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community.*
- 12) *Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice.*

We have reviewed and updated our Risk Assessment, in light of the guidance above. As before, primary aged pupils will not have to wear a face mask, nor will staff when teaching. However, staff and any visitors will wear a face mask in communal areas, such as corridors/reception etc.

Staggered arrival/exit times for classes/‘bubbles’

As before, the children will be organised in class/phase ‘bubbles’. A reminder of the staggered start and finish times for these are detailed below:

Year group/class	Entrance/Exit – one parent only to stop at gate – maintain 2m/sign for gate (staff to supervise gates meet/greet escort)
EYFS	Main gate - EYFS doors
Class 1	8.30am-3pm (line up on smiley faces)
Y1JP	Main gate right
Class 3	8.30am-3pm (line up on smiley faces)
Y1CL	Stonebow Close gate
Class 4	8.30am/3.00pm (line up on smiley faces)
Y2ST	Stonebow Close Gate
Class 5	8.45am/3.15pm (line up on smiley faces)
Y3/4AL	Main gate right
Class 7	8.40am/3.10pm (line up on playground)

Y3/4ML Class 8	Main gate left 8.40am/3.10pm (line up on playground)
Y5NA Class 10	Maxwell Drive/Playfit pedestrian via playground/gate 8.50am/3.20pm (line up on playground)
Y5/6RN	Main gate right 8.50am/3.20pm (line up on playground)
Y6BM	Return to using the Stonebow Close gate 8.50am/3.20pm (line up on playground)

Mr Shaw will re-mark the pavement lines, to help maintain social distancing – along with an indication of which classes need to line up on which side. A polite reminder to wear a face mask and you are not allowed on site, without prior arrangement. To limit the number of adults, it would be helpful if only one adult accompanied their child to their entrance/collects on exit – dispersing as soon as possible.

Any parent with multiple collections, can collect their child who finishes at the later time if they wish to do so – please let the school office team know, so this can be organised with the relevant staff.

At the end of the school day, children will line up inside the school grounds and an adult will dismiss them to the parent/adult collecting them. Any children in upper Key Stage 2 who are given permission to walk home, need to inform their class teacher.

During the school day

As before, the children will remain within their class ‘bubbles’ during lesson time. These will be extended to groups within their phase at break time and lunchtime, allowing them to play with a wider group of friends. As we are aware, there is much less chance of transmitting the virus outdoors. Each phase, will have a dedicated area of the playground or field, weather permitting.

Lunchtime

During week commencing 8th March, there will be a choice of sandwiches available for children who qualify for Free School Meals or Universal Free School Meals (EYFS/Y1/Y2), extending to hot meals from week commencing 15th and 22nd March. We would ask all other children to be provided with a packed lunch in the weeks before Easter. We anticipate a return to a full hot meals service, after Easter.

As before, the children will be organised to eat with their bubble, either in the hall or in class for the older children. Eating areas will be fully sanitised before and after lunch.

Uniform

Children should attend school in their school uniform, with an additional layer if needed, as classrooms need to be ventilated. The additional layer should not replace their uniform.

PE/Forest Schools

Children involved in the above activities, should arrive in their PE kit or practical clothing (PE days: Mon – EYFS, Tue – Y3/4, Wed - Y5/6, Thu - Y1/2, Fri Y6 – this can extend to clubs too). Mrs

Noble will inform you if your child is taking part in Forest Schools. Sports equipment will be thoroughly cleaned between each use by different individual groups.

Equipment

As before, although children are permitted to bring bags into school (of a reasonable size), we would ask that pupils limit the amount of equipment they bring into school each day to essentials, such as lunch boxes, hats, coats, books etc (avoiding toys and similar objects). We will provide essential stationery such as pens and pencils. Unnecessary sharing of items should be avoided. As the weather warms up, can parents apply any sun cream at home as appropriate.

Cleaning

The site management and cleaning team have continued to clean the school meticulously, with particular attention to frequently touched surfaces. As before, classroom based resources, such as books and games, will be used and shared within the bubbles; these will be cleaned regularly, along with all frequently touched surfaces. Resources that are shared between classes or bubbles, will be cleaned or rotated to allow them to be left unused and out of reach for a period of 48 hours (72 hours for plastics) between use.

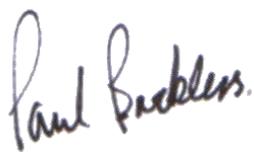
Playfit/Metcalf Sports

Sarah and her team are in the process of organising before and after school provision, we have remained in contact throughout the pandemic as the guidance has been updated. She will be in contact with parents in the near future.

Similarly, Mr Martin who has worked throughout our partial closure, will be in contact about the resumption of before and after school sport.

If you have any further questions about the return to school next Monday, please don't hesitate to contact me. I look forward to seeing you again very soon.

Yours sincerely



Paul Brockless

Head Teacher

