

25 February 2021

Dear parents/carers,

Head of School - Ingrid Dowse
Executive Head - Amanda Parry

I am writing to let you know about arrangements for 8th March following the government's announcement re children returning to school. Thank you so much for all your support and flexibility with remote learning during these unusual times.

We are all so excited to at long last welcome all the children back after such an extended time away from school.

We have been busy getting ready for the children returning and we will continue to follow government advice and to put measures in place to ensure that the risk from Covid-19 is reduced as much as possible. For example:

- the children will be in 'bubbles' during the day and these bubbles will stay together during breaktimes and lunchtimes as well as the start and end of the day.
- we will once again be reminding the children how to clean their hands effectively and about the importance of 'catch it, bin it, kill it'.
- classrooms and communal areas will be cleaned regularly – at the start, the end and during the school day to ensure that surfaces are wiped down with disinfectant.
- to avoid congestion at the start and end of the day, we will continue with staggered times (see table below)
- the one-way system around the school site for drop off and pick up will continue.

Our focus will be even more directed at ensuring the children feel safe and secure and we will be spending time helping the children to re-settle and to re-establish friendships after such an unusual few months. Teachers and teaching assistants will also be establishing gaps in knowledge to help the children recover lost learning whilst providing a full and engaging curriculum.

We look forward to seeing you again on 8th March. In response to the recent parent survey and in order to further limit the mixing of children and adults, we have readjusted start and finish times for the time being– these are in the table below. Please be on time as the gate will be opened and closed promptly to avoid bubbles mixing as much as possible. Please could only one adult accompany a child on site – if any extra adults arrive at the gate you will be asked to wait outside the school site. If you have a message for your child's teacher, please contact the office. This will then be passed to the teacher as there will not be the opportunity to chat with them in person due to social distancing and the need for any adults to leave the school site as quickly as possible.

Face coverings will also be required at all times when on the school premises.

I would also like to draw your attention to parking around the school. Please be respectful of our neighbours and do not block their driveways – there should also be no stopping or parking on yellow lines as this is a potential hazard for children who could be crossing the road. If you drive to school, it is important to give yourself plenty of time to park slightly further away and walk the rest of the way.

School timings and drop off points:

	Drop off time	Pick up time	Drop off/collection point
Early Years	8.55	3.10	Bumblebees drop off and pick up: Early Years playground Butterflies drop off and pick up: Rabbit Room (in KS1 playground)
Year 1	8.55	3.10	Penguins: Drop off and pick up: Y1 doors near the dining hall Elephants: Drop off: Y1 doors near the dining hall Pick up: Outside KS1 Hall
Year 2	8.45	3.00	Hedgehogs: Drop off and pick up: KS1 playground (as before Christmas) Robins: Drop off: KS1 playground Pick up: KS1 girls' toilets
Year 3	8.45	3.00	Turtles: Drop off and pick up: year 3/6 door Orcas: Drop off: year 3/6 door Pick up: girls' toilets
Year 4	8.45	3.00	Kangaroos: Drop off: year 4/5 door Pick up: Boys' toilets Koalas and Kookaburras: Drop off and pick up: year 4/5 door
Year 5	8.35	2.50	Pumas and Jaguars: Drop off and pick up: year 4/5 door Leopards: Drop off: year 4/5 door Pick up: KS2 boys' toilets
Year 6	8.35	2.50	Dragons and Unicorns drop off and pick up: Year 3/6 door

I will be in touch next week with further information regarding uniform etc.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries re the above information. I look forward to seeing you on 8th March.

Kind regards,



Ingrid Dowse
Head of School