

4 March 2021

Dear parents/carers,

Thank you so much for your patience regarding the government's announcement that school attendance will be mandatory for all pupils from 8 March.

Once again, we have been doing everything possible to ensure we are ready to open more widely according to government guidelines on hygiene and safety measures. This includes limiting group sizes (bubbles), staggering drop off, break, lunch and pick up times and providing enhanced cleaning. In line with the government guidance, we will be using 'bubbles' to group the children. Whilst they will remain in class-sized bubbles for the majority of the day, the children will be in year group bubbles for arrival and departure and in phase bubbles for break and lunch time (when the children will be outside).

It is essential that if you or your child are unwell with Covid-19 symptoms (new continuous cough, high temperature, loss or change in your normal sense of taste or smell), you do not enter the site or send your child to school. If anyone presents at school with symptoms, they will not be allowed in the building. If a child develops symptoms whilst at school, they will be sent home. On receiving notification that a child is not able to attend school due to Covid-related issues, the office will contact you to ascertain your needs in terms of setting up remote learning for the period your child cannot attend school. It is also imperative that we all actively engage with the NHS Test and Trace programme to prevent and mitigate possible outbreaks. This includes booking a test, providing details of people with whom we have been in contact and self-isolating if asked to do so.

In order to avoid large groups congregating by the school entrance, we have staggered start and end times of the day. We would also ask that only one adult accompany their child to school and that this person wears a face covering whilst on site.

As per the letter sent last week, the timings of the day will be as follows:

Early Years:	8.55 – 3.10
Year 1:	8.55 – 3.10
Year 2:	8.45 – 3.00
Year 3:	8.45 – 3.00
Year 4:	8.45 – 3.00
Year 5:	8.35 – 2.50
Year 6:	8.35 – 2.50

As in the Autumn term, we will continue to operate the one-way system. It is essential that you arrive on time (not early or late!) and do not stop to chat to other parents. Please note that parking is limited on the roads near the school site. Therefore, please ensure you give yourself plenty of time to be able to park further away and walk to school from there. Whilst on site, you must socially distance from other adults and children who are not in your household. You will be asked to drop your child off at their entrance door (see below) and then continue around the site to the exit.

Children should wear the usual uniform and appropriate black school shoes (not trainers). To avoid having to bring PE kits in from home, children should wear PE kit to school on their PE day. The Tanners Brook PE kit comprises of black or dark coloured shorts or joggers (appropriate for the weather) and a white T shirt/polo shirt (and sweatshirt/hoodie/school jumper if needed). PE kits should be plain. They should bring a bag to

school which contains their lunch box (if having sandwiches) and water bottle. If they would like to do so, they can also bring a reasonably sized pencil case to keep in school.

	Kit Needed
Early Years	Fridays
Year 1	Mondays Thursdays
Year 2	Mondays Fridays
Year 3	Mondays – all classes Tuesdays – Turtles Wednesdays – Orcas
Year 4	Tuesdays – Kookaburras and Koalas Wednesdays – Kangaroos Thursdays – all classes
Year 5	Wednesdays Fridays
Year 6	Tuesdays Wednesdays

School dinners will be available. There will be a choice of jacket potato (with tuna or cheese) and two hot options. For Early Years, year 1 and year 2 and for children on free school dinners, these will be provided free of charge. For children in other year groups, dinners can be ordered via online payment only. If you are not set up for this, please ring the office for a code. The office will not accept cash payment.

In order to help the children settle back into school, we will be timetabling sessions for PSHE/Circle time etc and we will ensure that children have the opportunity to voice any concerns as well as celebrate some of the amazing successes they have had during lockdown. Please do contact us if you have any specific concerns which you think it would be useful for us to know about.

I look forward to seeing you all back on Monday.

Kind regards,



Ingrid Dowse
Head of School