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1st March 2021

Dear Parents,

Following the recent government decision that all children will be returning to school on Monday 8th March, we have continued to work on our plans to ensure a safe return for all. Since the first lockdown began in March 2020, we have adhered to the strict guidelines and practices to ensure that the children who remained at or returned to school over the year have done so, as safely as possible.

All children are expected to return to school on Monday 8th March. Attendance for all (unless shielding), is mandatory. The guidance recommends consistent bubbles and we are continuing to opt for year group bubbles to enable the delivery of our full curriculum which will include maths and phonics groups. The other measures that we will continue to put in place are as follows:

- We will promote distancing when moving around the school.
- Regular hand washing and promoting respiratory care will continue.
- To manage the numbers of children and parents on site, we will continue to have staggered start and finish times. This will not affect the teaching time. Below are the start and finish times for each year group. Please ensure your child arrives at the correct time. To make it manageable for parents, if you have more than one child, please collect your children at the latest collection time. This will avoid any parents having to wait on site.

	Start time	End time	Gate to be used
Squirrels	9:00	15:00	Main gate
Year 1	08:45	15:10	Main gate
Year 2	08:55	15:30	Main gate
Year 3	08:40	15:10	Far playground gate
Year 4	08:45	15:20	Far playground gate
Year 5	08:55	15:30	Frogs – far playground gate Magpies – Sainsbury's gate
Year 6	08:40	15:30	Sainsbury's gate

 We will use our 3 entrance/exit gates to the school (main gate, Sainsbury's gate, far playground gate). Specific year groups will be required to use certain gates. We have building work currently taking place, so avoid any





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areas that are cordoned off. It is important to remember to maintain social distancing and wear a face mask when on site.

- Parents will not be able to enter the building, other than the reception area
 to the main office. Dropping off and picking up will be from the outside
 classroom doors (for Robins this will be the Dell door and for Swifts this will
 be the cloakroom door). If you need to speak to the teacher, please make
 contact via email or the office.
- Playtimes will be staggered, and children will be allocated space either on the field or the playground where they can play in their year group bubble.
- The kitchen will provide hot lunches. Squirrels, Years 1, 2 and 3 will have a serving time for their year group either in the hall or The Orchard where the children will be spaced out. The lunches will be served at the table, so the children are not moving around. In between each service, the tables and chairs will be wiped down. For Years 4, 5 and 6, lunch will be served in the classroom as we have a hot trolley that will deliver the hot lunches. We encourage all children to bring their own named bottle of water to school.
- For Key Stage 2 children, please feel free to provide a piece of fruit as a mid-morning snack for your child. For Squirrels and Key Stage 1, fruit will be provided.
- In the classroom, children will be seated facing forwards. We will provide each child with their own labelled stationery bag. Children, from the same year group, will be able to work in small groups in the bay area but they will be seated so that they are all facing forwards.
- On PE days, children will need to come into school wearing their school PE kit. This will eliminate the need to go into the changing rooms as well as reducing movement around the school. The children will be participating in outdoor PE sessions, twice a week. You will receive a text informing you of your child's PE days.
- Children can bring in a book bag as they will be taking a reading book home. Please ensure your child does not bring in anything other than what is needed.
- Breakfast Club and After School Club will be open and will be based in the school hall. Please book online as usual. For both clubs, you will need to park in Sainsburys and access the school via the pedestrian gate.
- We have completed a risk assessment that will shortly be available for you to access on our website. This outlines what we are implementing to manage the risks as best we can.





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 Our main gates are now automated so if you have an access pass to the carpark, please press the buzzer to speak to the office.

Although we have had a quarter of our school population return to school during this spring term, we are mindful that many of our children have not been in school, for what will be nearly 3 months. We have been pleased with the engagement with the home learning and we would like to thank you for supporting your child.

We appreciate that you may still have concerns about your child returning next week and we anticipate some of our children may need more time and nurturing to adjust back to school life. All staff will be available to support you and your child in managing this transition.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your continued co-operation, support and understanding through the last few months. We look forward to seeing all the children back next week.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Bains & Miss P Sutton Joint Acting Headteachers

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