



2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Reopening of school to all children

Next Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March we will be reopening to all pupils. We believe that our processes and procedures that we had in place during the Autumn term made our school as safe as it can be, therefore we will be continuing with these until at least Easter.

- We will **not** be operating a breakfast club nor any after school clubs until further notice. It is impossible for us to maintain children in 'bubbles' if we open these.
- We will continue to open our doors at 8.30am and provide toast for those who have arrived before 8.45am having had no breakfast.
- Our one-way system remains in operation - children accompanied by **one** parent can enter via the gate on Mitchell Avenue. Everyone must exit via the gate through the staff carpark or the side nursery gate and onto Baysdale Road. Please leave your child at the main gate in the morning, if at all possible to limit the number of people on the premises.
- At the end of the day there is a queueing system outside school to limit the number of people on our playground. This is connected to the staggered finishing times. You will be allowed access 5 mins before your child's collection time.
  - Reception finish at 3.00pm
  - Y1 at 3.05pm
  - Y2 at 3.10pm
  - Y3 and Y4 at 3.15pm
  - Y5 and Y6 at 3.20pm (parents can wait for these children in the carpark or outside the school gates on Baysdale Road)
- Masks should be worn on site when dropping off or collecting your child.
- Please maintain social distancing whilst waiting. There are waiting spots on the playground near the entry/exit door that your child will use.
- Dogs are not allowed on the premises.
- Children are expected to be in school by 8.55am. Gates will be locked at this time.
- School uniform must be worn.
- Children wear their PE kits to school on the days when they have PE. (Please contact your class teacher if you are unsure which day this is)
- The kitchen is open and offers a choice of hot meal and three different sandwiches daily. Please contact the office if you wish your child to swap between packed lunches and school dinners.
- Free school meals will be provided for any child who is eligible.
- KS2 will eat their meals in the classrooms. EY and KS1 will eat in the hall at staggered times with cleaning taking place between each group.
- Our extra cleaning of classrooms and toilets will continue during lunchtimes.
- All classrooms are fogged regularly and following any positive case of Covid 19
- Classes are allocated specific toilets to use and only one child is allowed in each set at any one time

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- Hand sanitising is carried out whenever the children enter the classroom at other intervals throughout the day, either using gel or by hand washing.
- All equipment eg ipads, computers are cleaned between use.
- Any equipment that is shared is left for 72 hours between use if it can not be cleaned.
- Children in KS2 have their own pencils etc or share with one other person.
- Furniture is arranged in KS2 to limit face to face interaction between pupils.
- Playtimes and lunchtimes are staggered.
- The playgrounds are zoned so that children remain in their bubbles wherever possible.

Thank you for your perseverance with home schooling over these last eight weeks. We recognise how difficult it has been for many families. Returning to school can also be an anxious time for you all. If for any reason you are worried about returning your child to school please contact Mrs Anderson, our PSA, or Mr Perks, our Pastoral Lead, to discuss your concerns.

Please can all children bring their home learning equipment and exercise books with them on Monday morning. If you have borrowed a school laptop this also needs to be returned. Can I also remind you of the availability of lateral flow tests for children over 5 who have no symptoms. To prevent our bubbles closing it is vital that children who are carrying the virus do not attend school. Research shows that over a third of people, especially children, are asymptomatic and show no outward symptoms. Therefore, I would strongly encourage you to make use of the community testing site at Thornaby Pavilion to keep our school and your family safe. You and your family can access these tests twice a week. New Government guidance just released states : *From 1 March 2021, if you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil you can get a twice-weekly test:*

- *at a local test site*
- *by collecting a home test kit from a test site*
- *by ordering a home test kit online Collect test kits*

*You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains 7 tests. Anyone 18 or over can collect. You can check online if the location is busy before you go.*

All staff in school are currently self-testing using lateral flow tests twice weekly.

We are really looking forward to our school being full again on Monday and for us to begin to return to 'some kind of normal'.

Thank you, as always, for your support

Mrs E Hughes-Narborough  
Headteacher

