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19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent / Guardian

We are delighted to welcome all our pupils back to school on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Routines established in Term 1 will continue until the Easter Break.

### Reminders for return to school

- If your child is sick, do not send them to school
- Ensure anyone with COVID-19 symptoms does not attend school
- Wash hands thoroughly and more often than usual to prepare your child for returning to school
- Promote respiratory hygiene using the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- A high temperature
- A new continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

### Drop off and pick up arrangements

Pupils travelling to school by bus will enter the school grounds at **8.45 a.m.** They will be guided to their classrooms by a member of school staff. Parents dropping off children are asked to arrive between 8.50 and 9.00 a.m.

Please say goodbye to your child at the school gate or crossing inside the school grounds. Pupils will be brought to you at home time outside the school gates or to the internal crossing area.

Please remember to practise social distancing outside the school and we ask all adults to wear a mask.

All pupils will wash their hands thoroughly on arrival in school. Hand sanitizer will be used during the school day but will not replace regular hand washing routines.

## **The 2 o'clock Club**

The 2-3 Club will continue to operate. If you wish for your child to attend this club, please send £2 per day in an envelope each Monday. Include your child's name, class and days attending.

## **Break/Lunchtime Routines**

Whilst in school, all pupils will remain in their Term 1 'bubble' with their own class. Each class will eat their break and lunch in their classroom.

Pupils will remain in their 'bubble' in the playground during staggered outdoor playtimes. It is essential that coats are brought to school by pupils every day. Pupils will be brought outside during break and lunch time, irrespective of the weather, to allow time away from the classroom. (Except in the event of extreme circumstances).

## **School Meals**

- Children entitled to FSM will get a dinner each day. All payments from EA will stop.
- Like in Term 1, please ensure that all dinner orders are made on a Monday morning and that the correct money is put in a labelled envelope for your child's teacher to collect.
- Menu covering until Easter break is available on the website.

## **Schoolbags**

We continue to follow guidelines to reduce items travelling between home and school.

- Children **should not** bring a schoolbag. This will be reviewed after Easter,
- All pupils should use the wipe-able plastic folders supplied earlier in the year for materials that need to travel
- Water bottles should be washed in warm soapy water daily along with lunchboxes if your child is not taking dinner. Disposable paper bags for lunch are also welcome.
- Lunch bags should also be wipe-able rather than fabric

Yours sincerely



Mrs Patricia Mc Master

Principal