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Wednesday 3rd March 2021

Dear Parent and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. We will be welcoming back all of our children on Monday 8th March and all of the adults working in school are incredibly excited about this! The Senior Leadership Team have been formalising the plans to ensure that the return to school is as safe as possible.

If you are shielding, your child/ren must still attend school.

The school has had deep cleaning each week during this lockdown using Covid-19 proven products. To ensure we maintain the safety and welfare of all our pupils and staff the school will be closed this Friday afternoon for a thorough clean by our cleaning staff in order to maintain the high standard of cleanliness and ensuring the school is clean and sterile for everyone.

Communication with families

With limited access to the school site for adults it is very important that you access our communication systems regularly. We are often told that parents 'did not know' but we will have emailed, texted and added information on to the school website. There is very little else we can do around the Covid restrictions, so please:

- ensure we have the correct contact details for you. We will be sending out a data collection sheet on Monday to be completed, signed and returned.
- call or email the office for clarification.
- check the website regularly, looking in the parents, letter and newsletter section.

Routines

Many of the routines will remain the same. We will be encouraging regular handwashing throughout the school day. Children are expected to wear their school uniform with correct school shoes. Trainers are only permitted on PE days when children can come to school in their PE Kits.



Drop Off / Pick Up

Years 5 and 6 will start their school day at 8.40am and finish school at 3.15pm.

All other year groups will come in to school between 8.50 and 9am (so as to maintain social distancing and avoid lining up at the gate) and children can be collected at the end of the school day between 3.25pm and 3.35 pm.

Entry is via the pedestrian gate and exit via the vehicle gates. Please only bring 1 person on site if possible. Staff will be on duty to ensure safety.

All adults entering the school grounds **must wear a face mask or a face visor**. This is part of our procedures to limit transmission of the virus. Please note that if you are wearing a face mask, it must cover both your nose and mouth, otherwise it is not effective. Children wearing masks should always have a small plastic bag to store it in, if they remove it.

The Department for Education (DfE) and Central Bedfordshire Council have now released more detailed guidance to support us with our plans for our reopening of school for **all** children on **Monday 8th March 2021**. We have put very clear guidance and risk assessments in place for all adults and children about returning to school. These plans are being constantly reviewed to ensure that we are complying with the most up-to-date guidance from the Government and keeping your children as safe as we can. We will change routines and behaviour as new information and guidance is provided. However, with the controls that have been put in place at our school we still cannot guarantee that your child will not contract symptoms.

Please review our Covid-19 Risk Assessment on our website which details the measures we are taking. We will endeavour to keep you updated as and when new information or guidance is issued.

In the meantime, please stay safe, stay alert and continue to follow social distancing.

Your Sincerely,

Mrs B Waite
Headteacher

