## Dear Parents and Carers,

Following recent announcements made by the Prime Minister last week, I am writing to express our delight that all children in all year groups will be returning to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2021. I have, over the last couple of weeks, been consulting with the staff and reviewing our risk assessment to ensure that all safety measures are robust and mitigate against the spread of Coronavirus.

To continue to promote the safest possible environment for all members of the school community, we are insisting that all parents and carers wear a face covering when entering the school site. There is new signage in place and staff will distribute surgical masks to anyone who forgets. We ask that only one family member come on to the school site to drop off or collect their children. The staff in school are also taking part in the voluntary programme of asymptomatic self-testing twice weekly, which will support the fight against Coronavirus.

Of course, it remains the case that children must not attend school if:

- They have one or more Coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms;
- A member of their household (including someone in their support bubble or childcare bubble if they have one) has Coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms;
- They are required to quarantine having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area;
- They have had a positive test.

We intend to implement the same timetable as we had in place between September and December with the gates opening in the morning from 0835 until 0855 each day. The one-way system will continue to be in place and staff will be visible on site at the beginning and end of each day. Children will wear full uniform, including school shoes, each day, unless it is a PE/Forest School day in which case they will come to school in their PE kit (see table below for more detail). We will go back to year group bubbles with staff supervising play and lunchtimes in their bubbles. The children in Reception, Year One and Year Two will have their lunch in the hall in three separate bubble sittings, whilst the rest of the school will have the same lunch in their classrooms. All meal vouchers will terminate at the end of this week. We intend to restart the after school clubs, and again, they will be in year group bubbles. The Magic Breakfast Scheme will continue and year groups will take turns to have their bagel and book sessions in class. Texts will be sent to parents and carers to give you more detail.

As ever, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With all best wishes,

## Jane Mullarkey

## **PE and Forest School Timetable**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y4	Y6	Y3	Y5 and Reception	Y1 and Y2