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To: All Parents / Carers

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Dear Parents / Carers,

[School Fully Reopening to All Pupils – Monday 8th March 2021](#)

Following the government's announcement of the roadmap out of lockdown last evening we very much look forward to welcoming all our children into school from **Monday 8th March 2021**. Returning to school is important both for the children's education and learning and also for their well-being. We are fully supportive of the government's intention to ensure that all pupils can return to school safely from **Monday 8th March**.

Our staff are now working to ensure everything is in place to be fully operational once again and we propose that the start and the end of the day will operate as it did in the Michaelmas Term i.e. a flexible **start between 8.30am – 8.55am** and a staggered pick up as below:

Drop Off

We would encourage only one adult to bring children to school and for that adult to wear a face covering. In order to reduce congestion outside our school, as soon as children arrive, they will enter school, clean their hands and go directly to their classroom.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and their siblings in Years 3 or 4 should arrive at the main school entrance (school office) on Station Road and children in Years 3 and 4 without younger siblings should arrive at the pupil entrance on Elmgrove Road. Children should be dropped at the designated entrance as quickly as possible and will then be marshalled by staff to their classrooms.

If there are already families waiting, we would remind you to form an orderly queue observing social distancing and keep as close to the school building as possible to allow members of the public to pass on the pavement.

We will only be able to allow children in Years 3 and 4 who enter via the pupil entrance on Elmgrove Road to leave scooters at school. For all other children scooters will need to be taken home please.

Collection

In order to ensure safety at the end of the school day **all children** will need to be collected from the playground via the Elmgrove Road entrance gates where they will be dismissed to known adults. To facilitate this safely and to maintain social distancing, collection will be at a different time for each year group as happened during the Michaelmas Term.

Parents and carers are asked to **strictly observe** the timings and to wear a face covering whenever on the school site. Please enter the playground as directed by staff using the one-way system and leave promptly to ensure that others do not have to wait.

Year Group Bubble	Collection Time
Reception	3:00pm
Year 1	3:10pm
Year 2	3:20pm
Year 3	3:30pm
Year 4	3:40pm

We appreciate that staggering the collection times of children will be difficult for some parents/carers, especially those with more than one child at our school. Please contact us through the school office email if you have a genuine need and are unable to manage collection. The school is unable to sustain the dual collection of pupils that was facilitated during the lockdown whilst the school is fully open other than for those families with children in reception and Year 4. Contact the school office if you wish to discuss this further or wish to take advantage of the Reception / Year 4 pick up arrangements.

As usual, please ensure that you contact the school in advance if someone else is collecting your child and ensure that they are aware of the procedures in place.

Collection for children who attend after school club will be as usual from the dining room door. Please respect social distancing on collection.

Towards the end of this week or the beginning of next week, we will write to you further with information regarding parent consultations, parental survey about Remote Education, continued e-safety guidance and other reminders.

I would like to personally thank all parents/carers for their understanding and support during the challenges of the ongoing pandemic. Please be assured that staff will be working hard to ensure that learning gets rapidly back on track and that school is an enjoyable and safe experience for all children.

We very much look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school on Monday 8th March but in the meantime, we will continue to provide on-site learning to our Key Worker and Vulnerable children.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Norris', with a horizontal line drawn through the middle of the signature.

Revd Daniel Norris
Executive Headteacher