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Re-opening Plans for 8th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to share the relevant information about our plans for our **full re-opening on Monday 8th March**.

Our risk assessment has been reviewed and updated and while most of our procedures remain unchanged, there are some updates and reminders. In particular, **there will be changes to our procedures at the end of the school day**.

As before, I apologise for the length of my letter in advance but would rather you had as much information as possible so that you understand the steps that we are taking to keep all members of our school community as safe as possible.

Children who are unwell

- We continue to follow guidance provided by PHE (Public Health England) in relation to children and members of their family who become unwell
- If any child becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell, they must not come to school. Parents must then arrange for tests to be taken.

Hygiene / Cleaning

- Cleaning hands x 6 times a day for all adults and children

Bubbles

- Our bubbles will continue to be 'Class Bubbles'
- Staff can move between bubbles to support children (e.g. PPA cover and interventions)
- We will have some 'Year Group Bubbles' of selected children e.g. For interventions or catch-up activities

Attendance

- We are looking forward to having all children back to school on Monday 8th March when our Attendance Policy will be applied again

Timings for the school day

- No children should arrive before 8:35am (Excluding children attending Breakfast Club)
- Extended arrival time 8:35-9:00am
- Classes will begin leaving the school building at 3:25pm

Arriving at school in the morning or afternoon

- Children who choose to wear face coverings to and from school will be asked to remove them when they enter the building
- All 3 site entrances to be used
 1. Fernhill Road main gate— Year 3 Spitfire / Year 3 Hurricane / Year 4 Concorde
 2. Fernhill Road via the staff car park



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Healthy School

- a. Office entrance - Year 3 Lancaster / Year 4 Hawk / Year 4 Eagle
- b. Into the building through the external classroom door - Raptor
- 3. Alleyway from Blunden Hall
 - a. Comet & Tornado - lower school doors into building
 - b. Lightning – own door into classroom
 - c. Merlin & Vulcan – veranda doors into building

Collecting children at the end of the school day

As before, we still have a large percentage of our children who have siblings in other year groups, at Infant schools; or at secondary schools. If we were to implement a staggered end to the day, we feel that this would result in more people having to wait around the school grounds for longer periods of time.

Instead, we are going to introduce **zoned waiting areas** and are asking parents to:

- Wear a face covering. Adults and secondary school pupils should wear a face covering (or have an exemption card visible)
- Wait for your child in the waiting zone for your youngest child
- Ask any older children to meet you in your youngest child's zone
- Keep your distance from other parents in the waiting zone
- Keep all younger siblings close by you
- When you have collected all of your children, please leave the site as soon as possible
- Classes will leave the building one class at a time. The class teacher will walk the class to their waiting zone
- If your child is being collected by an older sibling (e.g. from secondary school), they must also follow all Cove Junior School guidance. This includes not bringing their friends onto the school site.

Classroom Arrangements

- Forward facing desks in all classrooms
- Doors should remain open
- Windows will be open but the temperatures in classrooms are monitored

Toilets

- No more than one child per class to leave the classroom at any one time
- No more than three children in the toilet at a time. Children will be asked to keep their distance while waiting

Breakfast Club

- **Pre-booked slots only to ensure adequate staff ratios**
- Entry through office door
- There will be 4 zones in the hall – one quarter of the hall per year group. Children will need to stay in their year group zone

After School Club

- **Pre-booked slots only to ensure adequate staff ratios**
- This will be a unique bubble as numbers are likely to be small on any one day (this is acceptable in the guidance received from the DfE)
- Parents should arrive via the main school office door when collecting their child

Break time

- Year 5 & Year 6 10:15-10:30am
- Year 3 & Year 4 10:30-10:45am

Lunchtimes

- All lunches will be eaten in the classrooms.
- School lunches will be served in cardboard 'take away' containers and
- There will be a staggered lunchtime – 30 minutes inside to eat lunch and 30 minutes outside. Years 3 & 4 will eat first and then go outside while Years 5 & 6 will do the opposite. This will then change on a weekly basis.

Curriculum

- Expectations are that we should prioritise identifying gaps and re-establishing good progress in the essentials (phonics and reading, increasing vocabulary, writing and mathematics) to enable us to catch up on lost learning
- We have also been asked to ensure that our curriculum offer remains broad, so that the majority of pupils are taught a full range of subjects over the rest of the year

PE

- On PE days, children will need to come to school in PE kit not uniform (they will need a PE sweatshirt not school jumper)
- We will let you know which days your child has PE next week

PSHE

- There will be a strong focus on pupil well-being through our initial PSHE lessons as we recognise that the children will, once again, have been affected by our closure

Visitors

- We are still limiting visitors inside the school building to essential visits only
- Essential visitors to school (including contractors) are asked to demonstrate that they have had a negative Covid test result within 48 hours of visiting school (entering the building)
- Lateral Flow Tests will be provided to visitors who have not already completed a test. They should therefore arrive at school 30 minutes before appointments in order to self-administer the test.

Clubs

- No staff-run extra-curricular clubs initially (we are hoping that these can resume in the Summer term)
- Guitar lessons will take place
- iRock will take place
- Keyboard lessons – to be confirmed
- Mr McGowan's Football Club will take place (parents whose children are on this list have already been notified)
- No Judo Club

Educational visits

- No educational visits can take place at this time

In the event of a families needing to self-isolate / bubbles have to close

- Google Classroom will be used to provide remote learning activities for any children who are unable to attend school due to the need to self-isolate

We are really looking forward to seeing everyone again!

Kind regards

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