



Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the tremendous support we have received from you over the past few weeks. It has been an incredibly challenging time for everyone. The kindness and care for our community that has been shown in so many ways is really special and has brought great comfort to us all. So, thank you.

We have now analysed the detailed guidance that has been published by the Department for Education and have written this letter to share this information with you. Therefore please read the following very carefully.

**FROM 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021**

We are very excited to have all of the children back in school from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

In line with current guidance, we have ensured that the school is ready for re-opening to all pupils and that we have appropriate safety measures in place. You can refer to the government's guidance for parents and carers via the following [link](#).

Below are the routines that we will be following, the vast majority of which were well established throughout the Autumn Term:

- Wherever possible, children will be kept in their class or year group bubbles. Nursery and Reception will be in year group bubbles and Year 1 and Year 2 will be in class bubbles for the majority of the time and sometimes in year group bubbles to enable phonics, playtimes, after school club etc. We will have staggered playtimes and lunchtimes.
- The government guidance recognises that younger children are not able to maintain social distancing, and it is acceptable for them not to distance within their group. However, social distancing must be implemented between groups and adults. Therefore, we are not able to hold whole-school assemblies, parent assemblies, concerts or school performances.
- Hygiene and cleaning routines will continue to be part of everyday practices and will remain a high priority. Hand sanitising and hand washing will continue to remain a focus. We would ask that all parents and carers follow the same hygiene measures at home.

**Attendance Expectations**

Attendance is mandatory from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. All children are expected to attend school and all rules on school attendance will apply.

**Pick up and Drop off Procedures**

- All adults must wear a face mask whilst on site.
- Only one parent may come for drop off/pick up.

- Parents and children must continue to enter the site using the main pedestrian gate, and exit the site using the double car park gate.
- Parents are required to leave promptly following drop off/collection. Do not congregate in the playground.

The staggered drop off and pick up times that were introduced in the Autumn Term work really well in keeping everyone safe and socially distanced in the playground. Therefore timings will remain the same and are outlined below:

Class	Drop Off Between	Pick Up Between
Nursery Mornings	8:30am to 9:05am	11:30am
Nursery (all day)	8:30am to 9:05am	2:55pm to 3:20pm
Bees, Class 1, Class 3	8:45am to 8:55am	2:55pm to 3:05pm
Ladybirds, Class 2, Class 4	8:55am to 9:05am	3:10pm to 3:20pm

**Please ensure that you come to school at the correct times. THESE TIMINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. WHEN WE ARE PERMITTED TO RETURN TO ORIGINAL SCHOOL TIMES WE WILL DO SO.**

### **Hand washing/sanitisers**

As the children enter the school building they will use hand sanitiser. Hand sanitisers and additional cleaning materials are in each classroom and around school and are used regularly throughout the school day. There will be reminders about the need for more frequent hand washing.

### **Pupil items in school**

Pupils must limit the amount of equipment they bring into school each day to essentials such as:

- Coats, hats, reading books, a labelled water bottle, a piece of fruit.
- Book bags are permitted to be brought into school. Bags **must not** have anything attached to them (i.e. small trinkets, key rings etc.).
- Children in Year 1 and Year 2 must bring in a labelled pencil case, containing their own stationery. This will remain in school.

### **PE Kits**

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are required to come to school dressed in PE kits on their allocated PE day. This is Tuesday for Year 2 and Thursday for Reception and Year 1. PE kits should consist of trainers, tracksuits, leggings or joggers, t-shirt and sweatshirt. These can be any colour or type and must be comfortable, practical and warm as PE will be held outside weather permitting.

### **The Curriculum**

Our curriculum will remain broad and ambitious, with lots of wonderful cross-curricular opportunities for learning. Adjustments will be made to the curriculum in recognition of the fact that the majority of our children have not been in school for the past few weeks. There will be a high priority on children's wellbeing, and this will be balanced with their own learning needs and the curriculum. Teachers will focus initially on settling the children back into school, providing opportunities for play, collaboration, physical exercise and utilising the outdoor space. This will run alongside our broad and balanced curriculum. Ongoing assessments will

take place within the first few weeks in order to further plan and develop provision and address any gaps in learning. Parent consultations will take place after Easter, with further details to follow.

### **Lunchtime**

Lunches will continue to be provided by Mellors Catering. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will eat their lunch in the hall in their separate year group bubble. Children in Nursery will eat their lunch in Nursery. A separate email has been sent out with regards to booking meals ready for the 8<sup>th</sup> March. Please ensure that you log in to your Parentpay account to pre-order your child's meals.

### **Fruit**

Although children are able to eat a piece of fruit each morning, which is provided by the government, we are aware that as children have been at home, they may be used to snacking more! Therefore from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March until Easter, children are able to bring in an extra piece of fruit from home. Parents are not permitted to provide any alternatives for snack.

### **Milk**

We are aiming to resume milk provision from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Please log in to your Cool Milk account to check your account balance. Further details will follow shortly in a separate email.

### **Reading Books**

This week we are requesting that we have a book amnesty (please look under beds, in cupboards and in any other hiding place!), and drop all books at school for the final time on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March**. Please wear a face mask, social distance and leave the site as soon as you have dropped off your books. All books will then need to be quarantined and re-organised. Therefore reading books will not be sent home for the first couple of weeks. Children will of course continue to access reading and phonics during school time.

### **Remote Learning Exercise Books**

Please hand in all remote learning exercise books from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March via a box placed outside each classroom. We are looking forward to looking through the work that your child has done at home over the past few weeks.

### **Ventilation**

It still remains a requirement that classrooms must remain well ventilated. It is advised that you provide your child with additional clothing to help keep them warm (e.g. vests, extra jumpers etc.). Hopefully warmer weather will return very shortly!

### **Communication**

Any communication with teachers will need to be via Seesaw or via the admin email/telephone. Class email addresses will no longer be in use. **No parent may come into school, including the office** unless authorised to do so by the headteacher.

## **Face Coverings**

All adults must now wear a face covering on the school site, whilst dropping off or collecting their children. Adults in school will be wearing face masks in communal areas (e.g. corridors), and face visors when greeting children at the classroom door. It is essential that you maintain a 2m distance when dropping children off or collecting children from the classroom doors.

## **Lateral Flow Tests for School Staff**

School staff are being tested for COVID-19, twice a week using a rapid Lateral Flow Device Test. If a member of staff tests positive this could result in a class/ year group bubble closure at very short notice. In the event of a bubble closure parents will be informed by both text and email. Please check your texts and emails each morning before you set off for school – just in case. Closed bubbles would switch to remote learning. We do hope that the regular testing of school staff will help to support the national effort to reduce COVID transmission.

## **Lateral Flow Tests for Households**

You may have seen on the news yesterday that the government are going to provide lateral flow testing kits to households, childcare and support bubbles of primary age pupils. About 1 in 3 people with Coronavirus do not have symptoms but can still pass it on to others. Regular testing of people without symptoms is important to help stop the virus spreading and protect your loved ones. As lockdown restrictions gradually ease we all need to play our part to help protect each other. From 1 March 2021, if you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of a pupil you can get a twice-weekly test via:

- your employer if they offer testing to employees.
- at a local test site.
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site (You can collect up to 4 home test kits at a local collection point. Each kit contains 7 tests. You can check online if the location is busy before you go. The online service to find your nearest home test kit collection point will be available shortly).
- by ordering a home test kit online (This online service is available via the following [link](#)).

As this is breaking news, we will provide further details when new information becomes available. However, in the meantime, details about the testing can be found via the following [link](#).

## **Breakfast and After School Club**

Our Breakfast and After School Clubs will reopen from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Further details have been sent out via email.

## **Safety measures – How you can help?**

We have thoroughly reviewed our health and safety risk assessments and put in place increased health and safety and hygiene measures. We all have a part to play in this. As well as following the arrangements our school has put in place, you can also help by:

- Reinforcing with your child the need for good respiratory hygiene, by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach, which school will also be doing.
- Continuing to wash hands regularly – this remains one of the best preventative measures against the virus.

- Not sending your child to school if they, or someone in your household, has symptoms of the virus. Please notify the school immediately in these circumstances.
- Taking part in the NHS Test and Trace process if your child develops symptoms so that cases can be identified quickly – this means, you should arrange for them to get a test and let school know the results. You can also call 119, which is the number for the NHS virus testing call centre.
- Please keep a 2 metre distance from school staff when dropping off/collecting from the classroom door.
- Dogs **are not** permitted on site, including being tied to railings due to our one way system.
- Smoking or vaping is not allowed in any area of the school grounds.
- We encourage children to ride bikes and scooters to school. When children arrive at the school gates they must dismount and walk their bike or scooter along through the pedestrian gate to the cycle racks. Children are not allowed to scoot or ride around the playground at any time.
- Children are not allowed to use the large climbing frame, or the tree house in Reception at the beginning or end of the day.

### **Still have questions?**

If you have any questions we would urge you to contact the school office. We are very happy to answer any questions that you may have.

### **See you soon!**

We can't wait to welcome everyone back safely... only one week to go and counting!

With very best wishes,



Mr Hodgson and the Templemoor Team