

Thursday 4th March

Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all, can we start by saying a MASSIVE thank you to you all for ALL your support, feedback and hard work throughout this lockdown – you have been absolutely amazing! We are really looking forward to welcoming all children back on Monday 8th March. We are sure you will be receiving quite a high volume of messages at the moment, especially if you have children in other schools so we will make this as clear and informative as we can.

Our main priority initially is helping the children transition back into school safely and happily. The staggered start to the day will continue between 8.30 am and 8.50am so that all children are settled for register at 8.55am in year 5. The timetable will continue from Autumn term with two sessions before a break at 11.10am. The third session at 11.35 will continue until 12.45pm. Due to the length of morning please ensure your child has a healthy snack as they will lose focus in session 3 if their mind is on food. School lunches will be eaten in the classroom and school lunches are brought to the classroom by the meal time assistants.

Home Learning

Getting used to the school routine will be very tiring for some children so for the rest of this term homework will be limited to the basics of reading, spelling and arithmetic. In the summer term as part of transition we will be increasing the quantity and stagger the home learning to get children used to deadlines and taking further responsibility for their own learning. We will continue with our curriculum from home schooling but there will be continual assessments to gain a clearer picture of gaps and the lessons will be adapted accordingly. Please place the onus on the children to complete home learning so they take more responsibility and learn to complete without continual reminders and unnecessary pressure on you.

Parents evening

Parents evenings will take place via TEAMS at the start of the summer term and further details will be sent by the office.

Stationery

Keeping the children well equipped with stationery is essential. Please ensure they have **as a minimum:**

2 pencils, a sharpener, rubber, 30 cm ruler, coloured pencils and pens (if possible), a highlighter, a glue stick and a handwriting pen (biros are not allowed).

Reading books

The children can select a banded book from school and they can also bring in a book of choice from home. We will be assessing their band level, reading speed, accuracy and comprehension within the first two weeks. All books are recorded and children will take the accelerated reader quiz in school only.

Games

This term we have been allocated some sports coaching. Year 5 PE days will still be on a Tuesday. The children should wear their sports kit into school on this day. This sports kit should be composed of a white t-shirt, blue or black tracksuit bottoms or white shorts along with a top to keep them warm in case of inclement weather.

Home time

We are delighted that so many children are able to walk home independently at 3.10pm. Siblings will still be collected from the KS1 playground at 2.55pm and others will exit the school via the school field gate at 3.10pm. Please **re-send** an e-mail or the form below if you wish your child to walk home so we have up-to date permission for this.

Thank you for your continued support,

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I give permission for my child _____ in year 5 to walk home independently.

Signed _____ Print _____