



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you once again for all your support during the most recent lockdown. We're very proud of the children and the progress that they have continued to make. This is down to the commitment of the children, families and staff. We are also looking forward to welcoming everyone back!

The school will run largely as it did in the Autumn Term. There are two additional measures:

- Staff and visitors will now wear masks throughout the school and when mixing with those outside of their bubble.
- Staff will carry out Rapid (LFT) test twice a week, in the morning before they leave home.

Below, you can find a summary of the measures which will remain in place to keep your children safe and follow government guidelines:



Children will be taught in bubbles, which will be the size of a class. The bubbles will not mix with each other and children from Y1 to Y6 children will sit facing forwards in their classrooms. It is recognised that primary school children find it difficult to socially distance themselves, but we will be encouraging our older children to do this.

If any children or staff in a bubble show symptoms associated with covid-19, they will be sent home along with anyone who lives in their household and isolate for 10 days or until they can prove that they have a negative test. The school can support families to organise a covid-19 test. Tests are usually completed in 24 hours.

If a child or member of staff tests positive for covid-19, everyone in that bubble and any other close contacts will need to isolate for 10 days. The school will also report any cases to Public Health England and work together on any further measures.



Children and staff will wash and sanitise their hands frequently throughout the day - when they arrive; change rooms; before and after playtime; and before and after lunch.



There will be enhanced cleaning. The toilets and all touch points (door handles, switches and handrails) will be cleaned in the middle of the day.



Children will be provided with their own set of pens, pencils and rulers. Other resources will only be shared within the class bubble. Any resources used by more than one bubble will be cleaned after use. Books will be allowed to go home but will be kept for 72 hours before being given to the next child.

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Children will arrive and leave school at different times:

- Nursery morning session is from 8:55 until 11:30
- Nursery afternoon session is from 12:30pm until 3:05pm
- Reception should arrive at 8:45 and be collected at 3:00pm
- Year 1 and Year 4 should arrive at 8:45am and be collected at 3:00pm
- Year 2 and Year 5 should arrive at 8:50 am and be collected at 3:05pm
- Year 3 and Year 6 should arrive at 8:55 am and be collected at 3:10pm

*Where a family has children in more than one year group, the children should all arrive at the earliest time given and leave at the latest.*

We will open all 4 gates on Ricardo Street. Which will be clearly marked for entrance and exit. Nursery and Reception will use their gate on Ricardo Street. (*near Bygrove Street*)

We are asking that only one parent drops off their children and that your children are left at the gate where you feel confident to do so. Unfortunately, parents will not be allowed into the building, but members of the School Team will always be available outside, and the school will telephone when we need to talk to you.



Children from Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 will be collected from classroom doors, children in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 will be collected from the KS2 playground. Y6 children should go home by themselves where possible.

The earlier finishing time is to accommodate a reduced lunchtime period and children mixing. Your children are continuing to receive the same amount of teaching time and in some cases, slightly more.



To protect public health, we are asking that parents do not gather outside of the school gates or in the school playground before or after school.



Additional adults coming into the bubble will be socially distant when they are in the classroom. This includes our specialist teachers and any cover teaching required. All adults will work in one bubble as much as is possible. Staff will wear a mask when not working in their bubble and in shared spaces.



Playtimes and PE sessions will be staggered so that only one bubble will use each section of the playground at any one time. Children will not get changed for PE so suitable shoes or trainers should be worn at all times and school clothing should be comfortable and a good fit.



Lunchtimes will be staggered, and the times will be reduced to allow use of areas by one bubble at a time. Each class will have a hot meal one week and a sandwich lunch the following week. The hot meal will be served in the dinner hall - only two classes will use the hall at any time, distanced from each other. Tables will be cleaned between sittings. When children have sandwiches, they will eat these in the Top Hall.



There will be Breakfast Club, with each bubble having a section for their food and activities.

There will be after-school provision for working parents who need this. The children will be kept in family groups for this provision.

After school clubs will be restricted to one bubble.



We are strictly limiting the opportunities for children and staff to have contact outside of their bubble. For example, staff and children have toilets assigned to a group.

Staircases and entrances will be assigned to different year groups and some will be one-way. There will be no assemblies or large gatherings for staff or pupils.

We are really looking forward to everyone returning on the 8<sup>th</sup> March. I'm sure that most of your children are excited about the return to school, but if you do have any anxieties or need further reassurance, don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

Best wishes,

Owen O'Regan  
*Head Teacher*