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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are extremely pleased to be welcoming you all back to school from Monday 8th March. From this date, our remote teaching will end and we will be back in person for 'live' teaching. I am writing to you with the details of our re-opening. Of course, we have done this all before but there are some small adjustments that I have made in light of our experience thus far. I do ask that you follow the procedures outlined below in the interests of mutual respect and the safety of everyone.

One Way System:

This is still in place, starting at the pedestrian gate by the allotments. The school site is one way around the back of the buildings and exit is through the 'rainbow gate' and through the pedestrian exit by the car gate. If you are dropping or collecting children from Year 5 and 6, the one way system works so that you can walk across the car park to the exit (you don't have to walk right around the back of the school). Similarly, if you exit the rainbow gate and need to come back around, walking across the car park is ok! **We do ask that you do not exit the school site using the gate next to the allotments. This gate is entrance only.**

Start and End of the Day:

Doors will open at 8:30 and close at 8:50 for a fluid entry. Please don't arrive on the school site earlier than 8:30. The end of the day has been staggered slightly differently to avoid any potential congestion:

- Reception – 3:00
- Year 1 – 3:10
- Year 2 and 3 – 3:15 (Year 3 collected from top playground)
- Year 4, 5 and 6 – 3:20 (Year 4 collected from top playground)

Breakfast and After School Clubs:

These will be open for all children. Breakfast club starts from 7:30 and after school club runs until 6:00. Children remain in year group bubbles in these clubs. Please contact club leaders for places and information: breakfast club – debra.taft@chiltonprimary.co.uk and after school – jade.gorham@chiltonprimary.co.uk

Uniform:

Children must return in full school uniform please. Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back and stud earrings only are permitted. Children may wear a wrist watch but no other jewellery is allowed. Could we also ask that any nail varnish and temporary tattoos be removed.

The School Day:

Children will remain in class bubbles both indoors and outdoors for the time being. Some staff will work across different bubbles but in these cases social distancing and face coverings will be in place. Our kitchens will be open so school dinners will run with hot options only. School uniform must be worn apart from on PE days when we ask children to come to school ready in their PE kit:

- Monday – Year 2
- Tuesday – Year 1
- Wednesday – Year 5 and 6

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- Thursday – Year 3 and 4
- Friday – Reception

Hygiene and Cleaning Routines:

Hand-washing will remain part of the routine of the day – children will wash their hands regularly and hand sanitiser will be available for all at all times. The school site continues to be ‘fogged’ regularly and touch points are cleaned meticulously throughout the day. Toilets are also checked and cleaned several times a day and we actively promote ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’.

Symptoms of Covid-19 and procedures:

Symptoms are a dry, continuous cough, a temperature and loss of taste and smell. If your child or any member of your household displays one or more of these symptoms, you must self-isolate and obtain a Covid-19 test. We will ask you to collect your child from school and obtain a test for them if they display these symptoms during the school day. If a positive test result is received, the isolation period is now ten days from the date of the test or from the date of the symptoms starting. If a temperature persists after this period, isolation must continue until that returns to normal.

Positive Cases in School:

In the event of a positive case in a child or member of staff, we will seek PHE advice. Close contacts of the positive case will be notified (this will be a bubble and staff who have worked closely with that bubble). These close contacts will be advised to self-isolate for ten days from the last day of contact with a positive case. We will provide remote learning through Teams for the duration of any isolation period. Only close contacts need to isolate – other members of the household who have not been in contact with the positive case do not need to isolate.

Curriculum:

We will focus in the mornings on Maths and English to maximise learning and progress in these vital areas. Afternoons will cover the broader curriculum and we will make the most of good weather and our outdoor space at every opportunity. Medium term plans for the terms ahead will be shared on our website as usual (Term 4 will be uploaded on Friday 26th Feb).

Social Distancing:


Please can I ask you to continue to observe social distancing. Please leave the school site swiftly and do not congregate in groups. Please also be aware of the other people around you on the school site. May I also ask that you avoid congregating around school gates as this can also make areas dangerous with cars and traffic etc.

Attendance:

Attendance at school from 8th March is mandatory unless a child has medical evidence of advice to shield. I know that some of you may have mixed feelings about the return to school. Please get in touch with us if there is anything that we could do to ease any anxiety – we will work hard with you to find solutions so that children can return to classrooms with their friends and teachers.

We are counting the days until we can get back in to the swing of things!

Yours Sincerely



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