

Wider opening of school from Monday 8th March 2021 Key Information

As you know, we are reopening school for all pupils from Monday 8th March. Please take the time to read the information below for some reminders about this.

1. We are expecting all pupils back into school full time on Monday. They will remain in their 'phases' (i.e. EY, Y1&2, Y3&4, Y5&6) in their normal classrooms.
2. We will continue to have staggered break times and lunchtimes to keep phases separated.
3. We will only be using the canteen for EY and Year 1 & Year 2. The rest of school will continue to have their lunch in their classrooms and if they order a school lunch, it will be delivered to them.
4. We still cannot all come together for assembly in the hall, so we will continue to have virtual assemblies instead.
5. We will continue to limit the sharing of rooms and resources between year groups and implement comprehensive cleaning between different year groups accessing the same room or resources, such as toilets.
6. We will react quickly and robustly to any confirmed cases of COVID 19. We will follow our Risk Assessment if any of our students or staff have a positive test for COVID 19.
7. PPE will not be worn by any of our staff unless a child in school becomes ill with Covid-19 symptoms, and only then if a 2 metre distance cannot be maintained.
8. We are still not expected to implement social distancing between pupils, but we will implement sensible control measures, as detailed in our updated Risk Assessment, which can be found on the school website.

The School Day/Playground:

1. We would like the children to continue to arrive at school between 8:50 - 9:10. We hope that this elongated 20 minute window will continue to help to keep year groups separate and minimise the number of people on the playground.
2. During the start window time of 8:50-9:10, the doors into school will be open for children to enter as they arrive, there will be no whistle. Staff will be on the doors to welcome children in and we will be playing music in the playground next week too.
3. Parents are still not to enter the school building with their children please.
4. We are continuing to stagger collection times to minimise the number of people on the playground too:
 - 15:05 for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
 - 15:15 for Year 3 and Year 4
 - 15:25 for Year 5 and Year 6
5. We will continue to operate a one way system into/out of school. Parents are to enter school by Trafalgar Street or Lorne Street (the side entrances) and leave by the double gates on Campleshon Road (the main entrance).
6. We will continue to encourage no gatherings at any school entrances please and ask parents to 'drop and go.' Parents will not be able to stay on the playground unless they are waiting for older siblings. We ask that everyone respects the guidance around social distancing and our expectations around this so that everyone stays safe. If you could aim for one person to drop off a child at a time, this would be greatly appreciated. Please remember to wear masks in the playground, as per Government guidance.
7. Parents are not to enter the school building unless they have made an appointment to do so. This can be done via phone call or email to the school office.

Other useful info:

1. We are expecting all children to wear school uniform.
2. We will be doing PE but all sessions will continue to be outside, therefore your child will need appropriate clothing and footwear for their PE lessons.
3. Your child can bring a school bag in as normal but please ensure that they do not bring any personal items into school from home, like toys, teddies etc. They do not need to bring a pencil case, everything will be provided at school.
4. Your child can bring in a water bottle like normal but it MUST have your child's name on it please.
5. Our Risk Assessment is just up until the Easter holidays so any revisions thereafter, we will inform you about.
6. Any Clubs that are being run in school will only run directly after school. No clubs will run that require pupils to leave school and return. No lunchtime clubs are able to recommence whilst we have phased lunchtimes.
7. If your child usually has a music lesson during the school day, your child's music teacher will be in touch about when their lessons will be restarting.

If you have any questions or queries about anything, please contact the school office. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS IS CHANGING.**

FROM MONDAY 15TH MARCH 2021, PLEASE USE:

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