

1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Dear parents and carers

Our staff team is looking forward to welcoming all of our pupils back on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March to enjoy learning in school, alongside their friends, again.

Over the last week, we have read and considered the guidance from the government and the local authority in relation to reopening. We have produced a comprehensive risk assessment to ensure that we can reopen safely for all pupils and staff. The attached **Questions and Answers document** provides you with detailed information about the areas of the risk assessment that you need to be aware of in order to ensure your child is ready to return to school – it is **essential reading** for all parents and carers.

Some of the key points for you to be aware of are as follows:

- All pupils must attend from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March
- Uniform must be worn, however, on a day when the class has a PE lesson, children must come to school in their PE kit and wear it for the whole day
- Children will remain in 'bubble' groups - contact between bubbles will be minimised and social distancing encouraged
- Entry and exit times will continue to be staggered by year group (see attached timetable) – reminder: drop off all siblings at the youngest child's drop-off time and pick up all siblings at the eldest child's pick-up time
- Children will be dropped off and picked up at the gates on Cedar Avenue (the back gate will remain closed)
- Parents/carers must maintain a 2m social distance when travelling to and from school, waiting outside the school gates and on the premises (markings on fences, path & playground support this)
- No scooters and bikes will be able to be stored on site
- Staff will wear face masks in communal areas, other than classrooms; children will not wear face masks other than in exceptional circumstances; parents/carers must wear face masks on our premises
- Communication between the school and parents/carers will predominantly be through email and phone calls – parents, carers and visitors must have an appointment to enter the school building
- Break and lunch times will continue as they did in the autumn term
- Slots for regular washing of hands will be continue to be included in the daily timetable for every year group
- There will still be no big group events like school assemblies – assemblies will be held in classrooms
- Children in Years 2-6 are encouraged to bring in their own stationery (see Q&A document for details)
- A rigorous cleaning regime will be in place
- Those with symptoms **must** stay at home and access testing
- Test and Trace will be in place
- Abacus Before and After School Club will reopen from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

I hope that we have provided you with all the information you need to feel confident about your child's return to school. The staff team are excited about seeing all of the children back in class, learning together. If you feel that your child needs additional support to return positively, please talk to your child's class teacher about this during your parent consultation meeting on Thursday so we can make a plan together.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding during these challenging times.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sansom, Headteacher

*Attached: timings of day, Q&A doc, letter from Councillor Robert Benham, info about returning Chrome Books*