



March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

I want to thank parents for their support these last two weeks – it has been a pleasure to have your son or daughter back with us, albeit for a short amount of time for some. We hope that this time will help us identify where further support can be offered as well as helping pupils re-familiarise themselves with school life, its routines and school work.

#### **After Easter**

**From April 12<sup>th</sup>** school will reopen as normal. All year groups should attend every day. All the processes we put in place last term – especially around year groups not mixing and social distancing and mask wearing will continue as we know they were successful in ensuring there was no transmission on site. There will be no early closures – the school day will be exactly as normal – school will be open from **8.30am until 3.15pm**. This will be the **Week 1 timetable**.

Home learning will also cease after Easter, although Classcharts will continue to be used to support learning as before. Any Hub provision will also cease.

#### **Uniform**

**Pupils will need to be in school uniform after Easter.** We allowed non-uniform before Easter to support parents whilst stores were, on the whole, closed. Moving forward the lockdown has changed sufficiently to allow clothes to be purchased – either online or with stores re-opening for clothes purchases. A reminder that you can buy school uniform at Y C sports online ([ycsports.com](http://ycsports.com)) – for delivery or collection from either of their stores.

#### **School transport**

Buses will run as normal from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Masks must be worn on buses and different year groups should not mix on the buses. If pupils walk to school, please encourage them not to mix with other pupils – even within their own year group.

#### **Canteen**

The canteen will reopen as normal – those receiving free school meals will have the monies credited to school so meals can be provided. Different year groups will be kept separate at lunch time.



**Who should come to school?**

If a pupil has received a shielding letter from the government, they should not come to school.

If you or your son/daughter have any of the symptoms associated with COVID please do not send them to school – please contact us urgently.

As before Christmas, if your child is ill in school you will be contacted immediately to remove them.

**Safety and behaviour in school**

Pupils will continue to wear masks around school and when indoors at breaks – these can be provided. Every room, toilets and the canteen will have sanitisers and there will be daily cleaning routines. Each year group has a designated space (including at lunch) they use and will never mix with other year groups. Each year group has designated toilets and they operate on a one in one out policy. Cleaning will occur throughout the day around the entire site.

Rules concerning hairstyles, jewellery and mobile phones will not change; we would appreciate the support of our parents with these rules for the remainder of this academic year.

Over the last few weeks, the school has taken the opportunity to update facilities around the building. Our main Hall has been fully renewed with new flooring, painting and a sound system. Our school multi-gym has been fitted with brand new weights and other equipment and over Easter our tennis courts will be re-developed. I hope to have some pictures for the community in our Summer Newsletter.

Finally, I want to once again thank you as parents for your ongoing support in these difficult circumstances over the last few months. We hope that our return after Easter signals the return to some kind of normality – although one where pupils' safety and physical and mental health continues to be at the forefront. There is still more to do going forward and I am sure there will be more barriers to overcome. Hopefully as we approach Easter, the spirit of the resurrection and the hope it brings may be at the heart of everything we do.

With every blessing to you and your families this Easter

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