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Dear Parents/Carers/Guardians,

RE: Full school re-opening Monday 8th March 2021

As you will have heard in the governments updates, schools are allowed to fully re-open from Monday 8th March 2021, something that we are all very much looking forward to. We have been busy planning over the last week and a half in order to make this return to school as easy, stress free and safe as possible, for all involved.

I am very aware that some of you and your children will have anxieties regarding this full return to school but please let me assure you that, as a school, we are doing everything we possibly can to keep everyone safe and happy.

What does this mean?

- All year groups will return to school from Monday 8th March and attendance is expected by all pupils.
- As a school, we will continue to have staggered drop off and pick-up times for each of our classes. These will be the same as before lockdown but as a reminder they will be:

Class	Drop off time	Pick-up time
Acorns and Oaks	9.05	15.25
Chestnuts	9.00	15.20
Sycamores	8.55	15.15
Redwoods	8.50	15.10

- Breakfast club will continue to operate from 8.00am, every weekday morning. We have separate, socially distanced tables for each class so that we do not pop our bubbles.
- P.E. will continue to happen every Monday so please make sure your child is dressed in P.E. kit on this day. This will help us with our risk assessment and space management. Your child will also have another day where they will be required to wear a P.E. kit, this is for their second P.E. lesson of the week. We are currently agreeing these days and your child's class teacher will communicate the second day to you.

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Our new pick-up procedure:

In order to try and minimise transmission of the virus within our community, I have made the decision to change the way that school pick-ups will work. Previously it has been very difficult to social distance our families at the front of the school and to keep the pathway clear for other community users. With this in mind, our new procedure will be as follows:

- Please turn up to pick up your child at the times in the table above. If you have more than one child to pick up please arrive at the earliest of the collection times.
- If someone else is picking up your child, as normal, you will need to alert the office to this by phone or email before pick up time and by 2.30pm at the latest – this will allow the procedure to run more smoothly – we will not release any child to another adult without prior permission.
- **You will be required to wear a face covering for all drop off and pick ups**
- **You will enter the school via the front gate and follow social distancing guidelines** – there will be markings on the floor to help with this and a staff member to assist.
- You will move to the rear playground via the side exit (used currently by Chestnuts).
- Once at the front of the queue we will bring your children to you for collection.
- Once you have all your children you will exit the school via the rear playground gate.
- Please stick to the instructions given in order to play your part in keeping our school a safe place.
- This process might be a little slower to begin with, but we hope this will speed up as everyone gets used to the new process – please bear with us.

What have we done to make sure everyone is as safe as possible?

- An updated risk assessment has been produced and will be available to view on our website from Friday 5th March 2021, our main aim is to keep everyone as safe as possible.
- All staff are offered lateral flow testing twice weekly in order for us to detect possible cases of Covid-19 in staff quickly and put effective safeguarding measures in place.
- Pupils will remain in their class bubbles and we will limit movement of staff between these bubbles allowing us to monitor and track effectively should there be a confirmed case of Covid-19 in our school.
- I have timetabled the school day to minimise contact between bubbles as they move around the school – especially at lunch and break times.
- I have put in place a new school pick up procedure in order to reduce any possible transmission of Covid-19 – this new procedure is outlined above.
- Increased hand washing opportunities have been put in place in order to allow for good hand hygiene.

We really are looking forward to getting our school back up and running and have a fun and engaging curriculum in place for the remaining weeks until the Easter break. The great news is that we return during Science week and all classes will be getting the opportunity to take part in some great science sessions.

I just wanted to say a big thank you to all of you for your hard work that you have put into home learning and your support of our wonderful school during this lockdown period.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the office.

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