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Dear Parents and Carers,

Plans for return to school on the 8th March 2021

We are very pleased to welcome the children back to school. All staff are very much looking forward to seeing the children back in their classes with their peers. We know the children will have missed time with their teachers, friends and school routines.

We are following the most up to date Government guidance in ensuring that we are opening the school as safely as possible, whilst trying to bring some 'normality' back to school life. We are re-opening our school with restrictions still in place to keep pupils, families and staff safe. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Attendance Expectation:

The Government has announced that it is vital for all children to return to school.

School attendance will be compulsory from Monday 8th March.

Minimising the Covid19 risk:

You will have received a letter on Friday 26th February from Matthew Cole, Director of Public Health England for Barking and Dagenham, encouraging all pupils to get a test. This is particularly important as we prepare for all children to return to school from 8th March.

Matthew Cole strongly encourages households to get a test to make sure that anyone who may be infectious does not come to school with the virus and potentially start an outbreak.

How to book a test:

Go to the government website <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> where you'll be asked some questions. Select the following options:

- NO to essential worker
- NO to having symptoms
- NO to being part of a trial or pilot
- YES - My local council or health protection team has asked me (or someone I live with) to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms

You can book your whole family by choosing 'add family members'.



In order to prepare for all pupils to return full time, essential measures have been put into place including:

- A review of our existing Health and Safety Risk Assessment: following the Government guidance, advice from the Local Authority and in consultation with Trade Unions, we have updated our Risk Assessment in order to make the school site as safe as possible for pupils, parents and staff. The Risk Assessment is available to view on the school website in the 'March Reopening 2021' tab.
- A requirement that children, parents and staff have symptoms of COVID19 (high temperature, new continuous cough or loss of taste or smell) stay at home. They must be tested as soon as possible
- Robust hand hygiene: pupils and staff will be required to clean and sanitise their hands thoroughly throughout the day
- Respiratory hygiene: promote the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- Enhanced cleaning arrangements
- Enhanced ventilation of rooms
- Reduced contact (as much as possible) between pupils by:
 - Grouping children together in classes
 - Avoiding contact between classes (wherever possible)
 - Arranging classrooms with forward facing desks in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6)
 - Staff maintaining distance from pupils and other staff wherever possible
 - No assemblies until further notice
 - No clubs before or after school (except Bright Future Breakfast and After School Club)

Once again, following the Government guidance, the following arrangements will continue to maintain the safety of our site. These are as follows:

- Staggered times for the beginning and the end of the day
- Staggered times for play and lunch time
- Year 5 and Year 6 pupils will be allowed to walk to school and walk home on their own provided that the parent or carer has given written permission to the school; **children should not arrive at school before 09:05 in the morning**
- These are the items allowed to be brought in school:
 - Coats (children will be playing outside apart from in extreme weather conditions)
 - Book bags
 - PE kit: children will be allowed to wear their PE kit to school on the day when they have PE.
 - Prescribed medication can be brought into school. Parents/Carers will need to contact the office to arrange for an appointment to speak with the school's medical officer
 - Bicycles and scooters. These will need to be stored securely in the bicycle/scooter shed in the morning.
 - A water bottle.

All items must be clearly labelled with the child's full name and class. The school will not be liable for any lost items.

- These are the items **NOT** allowed to be brought in school:
 - Toys
 - Stationery (pencil cases, pens, pencils etc)
 - Mobile phones



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School uniform: pupils need to be wearing the full school uniform (refer to School Uniform policy on our school website). Please ensure that your child wears a clean school uniform to school every day as much as possible.

Travelling to and from school: The Government has advised that parents, staff and children should walk or cycle to school if possible and avoid the use of public transport.

Use of PPE: The Government advice is that pupils in primary school do not require PPE. Please do not send your child into school with a face mask/covering. If your child comes to school wearing a face mask/covering, the mask will be returned to the parent/carer and the child will not be allowed to wear it in school.

Changes to the Curriculum: We are aware of the challenges faced by many families trying to educate children during the second school closure. As much as the school has provided home learning resources and remote learning, we are aware of the challenges faced by many families in educating children at home. Our aim is to continue to prioritise the mental wellbeing of our pupils together with learning that addresses gaps mainly in core subjects (Phonics, Reading, Writing and Mathematics). We will continue to provide a curriculum that is broad and balanced in which pupils will be taught a range of subjects.

Contingency planning for outbreaks: In the event of a partial or full school closure, children will be able to access Google Classroom for remote learning. If your child needs to remain at home but is unable to access online learning, a learning pack will be provided.

Managing suspected or confirmed cases of Covid19 at home and in school:

If your child or a household member develops COVID19 symptoms at home, your child must NOT attend school.

You will be contacted if your child develops symptoms at school as you will be expected to collect your child immediately, arrange for a test and keep the school informed of the test results. Whilst waiting for your test result, you and your child should self-isolate.

Schools have been advised to take swift action when they become aware that someone has tested positive for Covid19. It is a requirement that the school contacts the Local Health Protection Team to seek and follow advice.

Please refer to the [Stay at home and self-isolate guidance](#) from Public Health England for further details.

Weduc

To reduce our paper usage, the main form of communication with our families will be through Weduc. Please contact the office if you have not yet set up your Weduc account or if you are having problems accessing this app.

ParentPay

Please remember to top up your ParentPay account if your child has school dinners.

School meals

We will be continuing with alternating weeks for hot and cold lunches. Please refer to the menu on our school website.



Please refer to the table below for drop off and collection times:

Year Group	Start time	Dismissal time
ARP	09:00 Juniors playground/Car park	15:00 Juniors playground/Car park
Nursery	09:00 Nursery door	11:30 Nursery door
Reception	08:40 Classroom door	15:00 Classroom door
Year 1	08:40 Infants playground	15:00 Infants playground
Year 2	08:40 Classroom door	15:00 Classroom door
Year 3	08:55 Juniors playground	15:15 Juniors playground
Year 4	08:55 Juniors playground	15:15 Juniors playground
Year 5	09:10 Juniors playground	15:25 Juniors playground
Year 6	09:10 Juniors playground	15:25 Juniors playground

Important safety measures

All parents/carers are expected to adhere to the following measures:

- Face masks/coverings must be work on premises at all times.
- Only one parent/carer to drop off and collect children.
- Maintain social distancing at all times whilst on school premises.
- Arrive on and leave the premises promptly – do not congregate or socialise on the school premises.
- Conversations with staff will be made by appointment only via the office. Staff have been instructed not to engage in conversations with parents/carers for health and safety reasons.
- Visits to the school will be by appointment only. This is to avoid unnecessary queues and to support social distancing.

Punctuality

For the safety of our children, staff and families, it is important that you drop off and collect your child **on time**. Please be aware that traffic may be busy at these times so allow plenty of time for your journey so that you are not late. Government guidance is to try and avoid or limit driving or using public transport as much as possible.

Late collection

If you are late to drop off or collect your child, you will be directed by a member of staff to go to the late collection point that will be situated in the dining hall. Parents/Carers will not be allowed into the main Reception, classrooms or any other part of the school building.



A member of staff will record your child's details and the time of drop off or collection. If you are late in three occasions, you will receive a letter informing you that unless punctuality improves, a meeting will be arranged with a member of SLT to discuss your child's punctuality and ways that the school can support you to improve their punctuality.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr W Pedro
Head Teacher

