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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and keeping safe. I am writing to inform you of the arrangements for the return of all pupils on Monday 8th March 2021.

I fully understand that these continue to be anxious times for many of our families. We are following all of the Government guidance and will be continuing to implement sensible and proportional control measures to reduce the risk to the lowest reasonably practicable level.

### **School Day**

The school day will start at 9.00am and finish at 3.20pm.

### **School 'Bubbles'**

There are the following 'bubbles' in school:

Rainbow

White

Purple

Blue/Pink/Green

Red/Orange

FE/Yellow

The movement of pupils around the school site is being kept to a minimum throughout the school day. Pupils will not be going off-site until further notice.

## **Arrival/Departure of Pupils at the Start/End of the School Day**

There will be staggered transition from and to transport at the start and end of the school day.

The order of 'bubbles' at the start of the day is as follows:

Rainbow (9.00am)

White (9.00am)

Purple (9.05am approx)

Blue/Pink/Green (9.10am approx)

Red/Orange (9.15am approx)

FE/Yellow (9.20am approx)

The order of 'bubbles' at the end of the school day is as follows:

Purple (3.00pm)

Red/Orange (3.05pm approx)

Blue/Pink/Green (3.10pm approx)

FE/Yellow (3.15pm approx)

Rainbow (3.15pm approx)

White (3.20pm approx)

Please continue to keep your social distancing whilst waiting on the footpath outside school. Please can only one parent enter the school site where possible. Parents bringing their child to school and collecting from school will transition on the path by the canopy with social distancing in place.

## **Playtime and Lunchtime Arrangements**

Playtime will continue to be staggered with defined areas to play for 'bubbles'. Lunch will also continue to be class based and there will be a hot meal or picnic lunch option available for all pupils.

## **General Hygiene**

Pupils are supported to clean their hands regularly throughout the school day, including when they arrive at school, when they return from play, before and after eating and after using the toilet. All learning resources are cleaned after a 'bubble' has finished using the resources. Frequently touched surfaces are cleaned more often than normal.

We are doing everything possible to minimise contacts between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible. It is important to recognise that maintaining social distancing is not always possible, particularly when staff need to provide care support for pupils. It is also important to recognise that many of our pupils cannot socially distance from staff or each other.

### **Staffing**

Some members of the teaching staff have been instructed to continue to shield until the end of March. I need to make you aware that a class may need to temporarily close in the future because of insufficient staffing levels.

### **Parents' Evening**

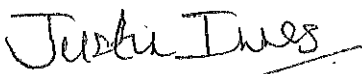
The parents' evening which was due to take place on Wednesday 17th March will now be via a phone call appointment system. A letter with more information will be sent home in the near future.

### **EHCP Review Meetings**

All of these meetings will continue to take place virtually for the remainder of this school year.

I look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child's learning, independence and development. Please do not hesitate to contact me at school if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



Justin Innes  
Headteacher

