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RE: Full opening arrangements from Monday 8th March

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will likely be aware, the Prime Minister has announced that all school-age pupils will return to full-time on-site provision from 8 March. We are very excited to welcome all our pupils back into school and would like to take this opportunity to outline our arrangements for full opening prior to this date.

All pupils will be expected to attend on-site provision from 8 March, with the exception of pupils following public health advice, e.g. if they are required to self-isolate or shield.

Attendance

From 8 March, attendance is mandatory for all pupils, and the usual rules for attendance apply.

If your child is following public health advice, e.g. they are shielding or have coronavirus, you will not be penalised for any non-attendance. You will need to contact the school office to notify us of this.

If your child is required to attend the school site but you are anxious or concerned, please get in touch with class teachers, or myself, via the office email address or 01603 713243 and we can discuss your worries in more detail and provide any reassurance you need.

Protective measures

We want to reassure you that the school will continue to implement a number of protective measures to keep your child safe upon their return to the school site. This includes maintaining the phase bubbles, maintaining the increased hand hygiene, temperature checking pupils and staff upon arrival and staff testing x2 weekly for COVID-19. We will continue to review and update our risk assessment to reflect any changes in circumstances pertaining to the full return of pupils, and will communicate any future changes to you as and when we make them. You can request a copy of our risk assessment from the school office or view this on our website under the COVID-19 section.

In order to assist us in minimising risk of infection, please ensure your child is only bringing essential items to the school site each day, such as:

- Lunch boxes
- Coats
- Reading Book and Reading Record Book
- School bags

Our COVID-19 Risk Assessment will continue to be followed at all times.

Arrival and Departure Times

We will continue to operate our flexible arrival times and staggered finish times to minimise any unnecessary contact between parents and pupil groups. **Please note that the gates will no longer open until 08:45 to ensure we have all support staff, as well as teachers, on site prior to pupils arriving.**

We will implement the following structure each day:

Year Groups	Start Time	FinishTime
Reception and Year 1	Flexible arrival from 08:45 - 09:05	15:00
Year 2 and 3	Flexible arrival from 08:45 - 09:05	15:10
Year 4, 5 and 6	Flexible arrival from 08:45 - 09:05	15:15

If you have siblings in multiple year groups, please adhere to the times of the eldest sibling. Teachers of younger siblings will keep them until this time.

Please continue to ensure that all pupils wear their PE kits to school on PE days and school uniform on non PE days. Our Premier Education Breakfast and After School Clubs will resume after the Easter holidays and we will provide information on these shortly.

Thank you for your continued support during this tough time. We appreciate your efforts, and we look forward to welcoming back all of our pupils.

Yours sincerely,

Kendra Collier

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Headteacher