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Dear Parents and Carers

### **Returning to school on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

As you will have seen from the announcement by government on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, all schools will be returning on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021, where attendance for all will be mandatory.

In previous letters over the last year, I have set out the details in regards to following the Department for Education guidance. Moving forward we are now in a place to share the finer details in regards to accessing school, resources that are needed and so on. This letter is to give you further information on what to expect when your child/children return to school and the expectations that we are setting in line with government and local authority guidance. It is imperative that everyone follows the plans to ensure we are all doing our bit to keep the children and staff safe at Lillington. As before we will be working in bubbles, our bubbles are different sizes due to the operational needs of the school.

Moving forward we will also be reopening our wraparound care as we are able to mix children in order to do this, however at this time we will be restricting the number to 30 children. We want to ensure that mixing is kept to an absolute minimum whilst also being able to staff the school.

A further email will come out to parents regarding breakfast club and after school club. This will give details of how to book online and also how to make payments for after school club. Both clubs will not be starting until at least 15<sup>th</sup> March as new processes and procedures need to be put in place.

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## **When are the children coming back?**

All children in all year groups will return fulltime from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

## **Arrival and departure of each class bubble**

Each class/year group will have its own entry and exit point onto the school grounds; it is important you use these points as set out in the guidance we have to follow. These may not be your usual entry points to school. Each bubble within the year group will have its own arrival time. Again this may be slightly later than normal but we need to ensure there is no mixing between bubbles and that includes our parents. Some entrances will have changed and so I have included photographs of the gates I am referring to.

A change to the process from previous reopening's is that parents **will not be able to access the school site**. The children will be collected from the gate by their class teacher and then brought back to the gate at their allocated home time. The gates will remain locked until a teacher is there to collect their class. It will then be locked again after the classes designated 10-minute arrival time slot. **Any late arrivals will be expected to come to school via the main entrance gate through the car park**

Although schools are reopening, nothing else in society is being opened and so there is still an element of lockdown in place. It is important that we do everything we can to keep those working in school safe and so minimizing those who have access to the site is also minimizing the potential risk of spreading the virus.

The 4 entry points will be Valley Road Gate, Grange Road Gate, KS1 playground gate and KS2 playground gate. Please see the pictures below with the arrival and departure times for each class.

The nursery will keep to the same timings and arrangements as they are doing now.

Children in Maple will have their own allocated times and entrance as agreed with Mr Morris and the team.

**Valley Road Gate:**

Mr Fortune's class arrives at 8.40am and leaves at 3pm

Miss Baker's class arrives at 9am and leaves at 3.20pm



**Grange Road Gate:**

Mrs Radcliffe's class arrives at 8.40am and leaves at 3pm

Mrs Russell's class arrives at 9am and leaves at 3.20pm



**KS1 Playground Gate:**

Mr Pegg's class arrives at 8.40am and leaves at 3pm

Miss Bailey's class arrives at 9am and leaves at 3.20pm



**KS2 Playground Gate:**

Miss Porter's class will arrive at 8.40am and leave at 3pm

Mr Holt's and Mr Sharp's classes will arrive at 9am and leave at 3.20pm



## **What does your child need?**

Your child does not need to bring any school equipment with them as we are providing packs of resources for everyone. They will need to bring in a PE kit that is clearly labelled and will stay in the children's lockers or on pegs. If your child has packed lunch then they will need to bring this. Our school dinner team from Educaterers are back on site offering hot meals.

Children MUST bring their own water bottle and snack for break time, this includes the children in nursery and, reception and KS1 at present as we are trying to minimise non-essential contact. Children are expected to be in full school uniform and staff will be back to wearing their formal work clothes.

If we are experiencing sunny weather then it is the parent's responsibility to put sun cream on your child/children before coming to school. The adults at this time are unable to do this due to social distancing.

## **Lunch and Breaks**

The bubbles will all have their own lunch and breaks separately. The children will eat in the dining rooms and then have time out on the playground.

## **Behaviour**

We will continue to follow the school's behaviour policy which now includes additions due to the current situation. These additions were shared with you after the last lockdown and are there to protect everyone from behaviour that would potentially put others at risk from spreading the virus. I will add that any child that cannot follow the new rules on social distancing (we are aware the younger ones will find this tricky), handwashing, following instructions and staying within class will be expected to be collected by their parent/carer.

## **Health and Wellbeing**

As I have said in previous letters if your child is poorly or showing symptoms of coronavirus then please ensure they stay at home and you contact the school to let us know. This rule also applies to the staff. If a child or member of staff starts to show symptoms whilst in school they will be asked to wait in the isolation room to be collected or to drive home. The expectation then is to have a covid test to ensure we can keep on top of any break outs. Please inform school immediately of your test result so that plans can be put in place in line with government guidance.

All staff at Lillington have access to lateral flow tests and have been testing twice weekly since the introduction of this process in January. These tests will continue and allow us to pick up early any potential case of covid.

In terms of wellbeing we have been looking at how we can best support the children coming into school and have decided to run a comprehensive PSHE curriculum to allow the children to develop the skills we found to be missing when they returned after the previous lockdown. Our focus will be primarily on social interactions, building relationships, transition and mental wellbeing.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs Victoria Wallace**

Head Teacher at Lillington Nursery and Primary School

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