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Dear Parents and Carers

We are looking forward to seeing all the children bounce back to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March; it is only four days to go! We know it will come as a mixture of relief in some cases but the next phase is all about hope. Thank you for all the support you have given your children while learning at home. Thank you also for your supportive messages and the brilliant photos of the children bouncing in their school uniform.

There is a great deal of information in this letter and we hope to answer all your questions about the return to school.

### **COVID 19**

The risks to staff, pupils and parents still remain. Restrictions are still in place and we expect all members of the school community to observe these and help us keep pupils safe. Please do not send your child to school if they have any COVID symptoms.

### **COVID Testing**

Staff are now using the lateral flow tests twice weekly to identify asymptomatic cases. Families with school age pupils have also been promised lateral flow tests for home use and we encourage their use.

### **Drop off and pick up**

Pupils in Oaks class who have no siblings in other classes, (13 families in total) will now use the main office entrance for morning drop off and afternoon collection. The gate will be open at 3pm just for those parents to wait near the shelter. Please do not approach the classroom.  
The remaining 10 families in Oaks with older siblings will continue to use the car park entrance as usual.

Morning drop off - there will be a drop off 'window' for all pupils between **8.40 and 8.50am**.

Afternoon collection:

**3.00pm Receptions pupils** who do NOT have an older sibling (4 families in total)

**3.05pm for Oaks and Ash**

**3.10pm for Sycamores pupils** who do NOT have siblings in other classes (10 families in total)

**If the car park is busy, please wait safely and we will look after your children until you can get there.**

When you have collected your children, please clear the area promptly

Please continue to operate the **one-way system**, travelling north up School Lane. The **school bus** will be in operation and a space **MUST** be left free in front of the school.

Parents must wear **face coverings** on school premises and observe **social distancing** guidelines



## Uniform

Children will be wearing uniform as normal. Up until the Easter holidays, there will be flexibility with school shoes. Children may wear trainers if their school shoes no longer fit them and they are unable to purchase shoes online.

## Clubs

Early Bird Breakfast Club operates every morning from 8am. After school clubs will resume after Easter.

## School packs

Please could children return their school packs sent home (including whiteboards and workbooks). We have already seen much of the super work completed at home through Tapestry and Google Classrooms and teachers have given feedback to children. Please bear in mind, it will not be feasible for teachers to mark and feedback to paper-based home learning that is brought in to school.

## Bounce back plan

Settling the children back into a positive learning environment is of paramount importance. We will not be talking about 'lost learning' or 'recovery'. Instead, we will focus on what pupils CAN do and will offer booster support to fill any gaps. These are our 4 priority areas:

Wellbeing – care and understanding with strong pastoral support and guidance

Curriculum engagement - rich, shared experiences to motivate and engage pupils

Academic support, booster interventions and resources

Hope, ambition, and high expectations of what pupils can achieve

We know that pupils may need to use learning skills such as **stamina** and **resilience**. Many of them experienced **fatigue** in our September return. Please help children get ready with some early nights over the next few weeks.

## Water bottles and snacks

Pupils MUST bring their own water bottle to school. If pupils arrive without their bottle, we will have to contact you to bring it in for them. Please encourage pupils to bring a fruit snack. They may be used to 'grazing' at home and a banana or apple may help them get through the morning.

## Lunches

There will be a staggered lunchtime with the older children having an outdoor picnic when warm and dry enough. Information about ordering hot lunches for Ash and Sycamores pupils has already been sent out. Our healthy eating policy means that crisps and chocolate bars are only allowed in lunchboxes on Freedom Fridays.

## Ash class

During the week of 8<sup>th</sup> March, Mrs Fuller and Mrs Jessopp have a change of days.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday – Mrs Fuller

Thursday and Friday – Mrs Jessopp

Yours sincerely

*Jen Harvey*

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