



3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very pleased to be welcoming all our children back into school next Monday and have been continuing our preparations so that this can be as smooth a transition as possible for everyone.

However, before I get into the detail of what next week will look like, I wanted to say a huge thank you to you and your children for the amazing job you have all done in adapting to a completely different way of learning over the last 8 weeks. We have been so impressed with the support you have been able to offer your children and the work the children have completed during this period. I know that seeing their friends and teachers everyday has made such a difference. I also wanted to thank our wonderful team of support staff who have cared for the children attending school every day during the latest lockdown – they have absolutely stepped up to this task and we are so grateful for the brilliant job they have done. I must also thank all the teachers who quickly mastered new IT skills and have delivered excellent on-line learning and coped with live daily remote teaching to support the children. A fantastic effort from the whole of our Camp School community - thank you for the part you have played.

At this point we felt it would be useful to do two things. Firstly, we want to provide you with a reminder and reassurance of some of the key measures and systems that will be in place in to keep everyone safe once in school. Many of these will be along similar lines to our operating in the Autumn term and are detailed below. Secondly, we need to ask for your co-operation with some key elements so that the drop off and pick-up times can be as safe and efficient as possibly, minimising the risk at these crucial times. Once we are back to school, we want to do everything possible to stay open and minimise disruption and for that to happen we all have our own important part to play – staff, children and parents - so that together we can protect our whole school community.

### (1) Systems and procedures

Drop off and pick-up points are as follows (**changes in bold**):

Year Group	Drop off/Collection point	Drop off time	Pick up time
Nursery (30 hours)	<b>Gate into Nursery playground from footpath</b>	8:30 am	2:30 pm 3:30 pm
Nursery (morning)	<b>Gate into Nursery playground from footpath</b>	8:30 am	11:30 am
Nursery (afternoon)	<b>Gate into Nursery playground from footpath</b>	12:30pm	3:30 pm
Reception	Pedestrian side entrance to Reception class door	8.45 am	3:10 pm
Year 1	Pedestrian side entrance to large black gate near pond – then through to Year 1 classroom door near climbing wall	8:45 am	3:10 pm
Year 2	Dining room door off main car park	<b>8:45 am</b>	<b>3:10 pm</b>
Year 3 *	Pedestrian side entrance to small gate near pond	9:00 am	3:20 pm
Year 4	Door to the far right of main entrance – on the right of the Year 4 classroom	9:00 am	3:20 pm
Year 5 *	Pedestrian side entrance to large black gate near pond	9:00 am	3:20 pm
Year 6	Door to the right of main entrance – between Year 4 and 6 classrooms	8:45 am	3:10 pm

**\*At drop-off time we are asking that no adults for Year 3 or Year 5 enter the side walkway – children to be dropped at bottom gate and make their own way to the class line, where they will be supervised by school staff. Parents/carers able to enter at pick-up time.**

The side gate will now only open at 08:40am ready for the 08:45am drop offs and at 03:05pm ready for the 3:10 pick-ups. We ask you to arrive promptly, but can we urge you **not** to arrive early. We need to avoid queues of parents.

The back school gate onto the field will remain closed for now and cannot be used to access the school site.

**Parents of Year 4** are asked to come inside the fence for drop off and collection and to stand on one of the yellow markings. This means we can keep the pavement clear for other pedestrians and match you up with your child safely at the end of the day inside the school grounds.

**Please note that school will continue to finish early on a Friday afternoon.** This is to enable a deep clean at the end of each week. Friday pick-up times will be 2:20 pm for those starting at 8:45 am and 2:30pm for those classes starting at 9:00 am. Please can we ask you to arrive on time to minimise the number of classes being collected at any one time.

**Breakfast and after school club** provision will start from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Please also note:

- Children will continue to be taught in discrete class sized 'bubbles.'
- Each bubble will keep away from other bubbles and as far as possible use its own facilities.
- Each bubble will have its own set of equipment and resources.
- Staff and children will be washing their hands frequently and using hand sanitiser.
- We will ensure good respiratory hygiene by supporting children to 'catch it, bin it, kill it'.
- There will be regular cleaning of frequently touched surfaces.
- There will be no school assemblies in the hall, but assembly will take place within class bubbles or virtually.
- We will not have any parent/carers in school although professional support services for individual children will be provided.
- The school office will not be accessible, but it will be staffed for phone or email messages.
- Markings showing safe distancing will be in place around the school and at drop off points.
- Where possible internal doors will be propped open to reduce the need to touch doors.
- Doors and windows will be kept open to increase ventilation.
- Hot boxed lunches which continue to be eaten in classrooms. Alternatively, your child can bring in a packed lunch from home, ideally in a bag or box that can be wiped down. The weekly menu is on the website.
- Toast will be provided at break time for any child that wants it in Years 1 to 6. Children in KS1 will also be offered a piece of fruit. We will ask parents to help us cover the costs of this by paying a voluntary contribution next term.
- PE will take place outside wherever possible and therefore the PE days may change.
- Staff will social distance from each other and wear face masks in all central areas.
- Staff will adhere to the maximum number of people in each room at any time.
- Staff will be provided with lateral flow tests to take twice a week to identify asymptomatic staff.
- If a child becomes ill with symptoms of COVID and requires personal care, a fluid resistant face mask, gloves and apron will be worn by the member of staff providing that care.
- Staff will have the option of wearing a face mask or visor in class if they choose to do so.
- If a child presents as unwell at school, we will ask their parent/carer to come and collect them.

## (2) What we ask from you

- Only send **one adult** to drop off/collect your child.
- **Wear a face covering** when coming to or from school.
- Be very **prompt on arrival to site**. Please do not arrive early.
- Keep your **2m distance** from other parents/carers and keep your children next to you.
- **Vacate the site promptly** to avoid too many parents in any one area.
- **Keep children at home if unwell**.
- **Get children tested** if showing any symptoms.

<b>Please remember:</b>	<b>Please leave behind:</b>
Full uniform	Toys from home
Named water bottle	Large unnecessary bags
Warm layers & a coat	Footballs
Simple bag/book bag	Scooters
Outdoor PE kit, incl trainers	Bikes
Wellies in Nursery, Reception & Y1	

Finally, please can we ask all of our families to continue to follow the **Government's guidance** on ways to minimise the risk of infection when not in school. This includes social distancing at all times, wearing a face covering in settings where it is required, and keeping the number of people that meet to the agreed limits as we follow the road map set out. These measures have been put in place for everyone's health and safety and it will be really important that families have not taken risks outside of school hours that increase the risk of the virus coming into school. We will have the same expectation of our staff in this regard.

### **Children feeling unwell or showing any symptoms**

**(A new and continuous cough, a high temperature or a loss of or change in their normal sense of smell)**

If children are showing any symptoms that could be linked to COVID-19 then they, and their siblings, cannot come to school. The whole family needs to isolate until the symptomatic person can be tested and receives a negative result. To arrange a test use the NHS website (<https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/essential-worker>)

If anyone develops symptoms of COVID-19 while at school they (and any siblings) will be sent home and asked to be tested as soon as possible. If the test is positive, we will then follow guidance to ensure all close contacts are then asked to self-isolate. Please remember that if anyone in the household has one or more of the symptoms above then the children should not come to school. Please keep us informed if your child has had to go for a covid test.

### **Support for return**

We have been very aware, as we've been planning again for the children's return, that although many children will be excited to get back to school there are a number of children who will be feeling anxious about returning. Despite all the safety measures, we will aim for school to be as 'normal' as possible and that we will have in place various levels of support according to individual need. When the children return, initially, our focus in the three weeks to Easter will be on the children's well-being and settling them back into the routines and relationships within school. We will spend lots of time learning outside and doing practical activities. Teachers will need to re-assess where the children are in their learning as part of their everyday classroom experience. We can then feedback to you on how they are getting on at parent consultations – details of which will come out next week.

I know there is a lot of information included in this letter, but we wanted to provide you with all the detail we can at this point. Please do know that you can call or email if you need to speak to us directly on any issue – the class email addresses will be kept operational for you to contact teachers.

We will continue to reassess our systems and make adjustments as necessary. Next term we can then potentially consider the offer of some after school activities.

We look forward to welcoming you back next week.

Best wishes

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