



### *Meeting Individual Needs*

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you that following the government announcement, we are looking forward to welcoming all our children back to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

I am aware that for some parents / carers that this is exceptionally good news, but that for others this may cause some anxiety, however I wish to reassure you that there are detailed controls and procedures operating in school to support the safety of everyone.

- The school will continue to follow its extremely stringent risk assessment.
- Robust hygiene practices are in place.
- The children and staff will remain in their class bubbles and there will be no wider mixing of children.
- Staff will continue to wear facemasks in communal areas.
- Only the children who do not have an alternative will travel on LA Transport. I strongly encourage parents / carers to continue to transport their child where this is possible, to reduce the number of children mixing outside of their class bubble.
- Staggered start/finish to the school day, breaks and lunch will remain in place. Children arriving at school with their parents / carers will arrive between 8.45 and 9.00, transport will arrive between 9.00 and 9.15. At the end of the day parents / carers will collect their children between 2.45 and 3.00 (1.45 and 2.00 on a Friday) and children will leave on transport from 3.00 (2.00 on a Friday). It is important that parents / carers continue to observe social distancing and the wearing of facemasks when dropping off / collecting their children.
- There will be no educational visits for the remainder of this term and potentially extending to the end of this academic year.
- Staff are undertaking Lateral Flow Device testing to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus by people who are asymptomatic.
- The vast majority of staff have received the Coronavirus vaccine.

The government has announced that there will be no Lateral Flow Device testing for primary age children but that they are to still access PCR testing if they have Coronavirus symptoms. However, the government has stated that parents / carers can access home testing kits to undertake asymptomatic testing twice weekly, information regarding how these tests can be accessed can be found using the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

If you have any queries regarding testing please contact us, we may have to seek advice from Public Health, but we will always try to support or provide further guidance.

School will update the transport department regarding the return to school of all the children, so you do not need to do this on an individual basis.

Initially on return we will be continuing to offer a Recovery Curriculum and expanding this to our full curriculum offer as the academic year progresses.

I would appreciate you sending into school any work that has been completed by your child during the period of partial opening. If you have been loaned a school laptop can it please be returned on Monday.

I would appreciate you ensuring that school has your most up to date contact numbers, in order to allow us to contact you as and when required.

As always, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and understanding and I am confident that we can continue to work together to ensure that our children have an enjoyable / successful return to school and the remainder of this academic year.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G. Knox". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'G'.

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Head Teacher