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Re: Arrangements for the reopening of school to all pupils

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are carefully planning for the safe return of all children from **Monday 8th March 2021**. This process involves undertaking risk assessments and putting in place proportionate control measures, following recent Government guidance. Much of the content of the guidance is similar to what was published in September 2020. Implementing the system of controls, creates a safer environment for children and staff, where the risk of transmission of infection is substantially reduced. Even with new variants, the way to control the virus remains the same.

We require parents and carers to adhere to the following:

- Ensure that your child attends school to minimise, as far as possible, the longer-term impact of the pandemic on your child's education, wellbeing and wider development. School attendance is mandatory and it is your duty, as parents and carers, to secure your child's regular attendance at school.
- If your child displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they **must not** come into school and should self-isolate immediately, along with the rest of the household. You can and should get a COVID-19 Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test for your child by booking online [NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus website](#) or by telephone via NHS 119 and we require you to inform school of the test result immediately.
- If another member of the household displays symptoms, your child must self-isolate, along with the rest of the household, until the person with symptoms has a negative test result or at the end of the self-isolation period if the test is positive.
- If your child has contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19, both in school or outside of school, they must self-isolate for 10 days. We will inform you of any positive cases within school.
- Please wear face coverings when you are on the school premises and do not gather at entrances, gates or doors, and please leave the school premises promptly after drop off and pick up.
- Please maintain social distancing at all times. Please ensure that your child remains with you and does not mix with children from other bubbles during drop off and pick up times. Also, please do not let your child use playground or nursery equipment at these times.
- Please **do not** enter the school building, including the school office, unless you have a prearranged meeting. Instead, telephone or email the school office.
- Walk to school where this is possible and only arrive at your child's drop off and pick up time to avoid waiting.
- Please be considerate to members of the local community if you are parking vehicles. Please be reminded that our school car parks are for permit holders only, until 4.30pm each day, and you should only use the pedestrian gates for health and safety reasons (not vehicle gates).
- In order to further support school staff in maintaining social distancing, please support your child's independence in cutting up food, fastening coats and tying shoelaces.

What your child needs to do:

- Children need to wear the correct school uniform, which includes black shoes (no trainers please). For health and safety reasons, children are not allowed to wear earrings in school.
- Children will need to bring a packed lunch in a lunch box if they do not require a school dinner.
- Children are encouraged to bring a clear water bottle to school with their name on it (for water only – not juice)



***'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.'* Philippians 4:13**



- Children in Year 1 to Year 6 need to bring an indoor (black pumps, navy shorts and a sky-blue t-shirt, in a draw-string bag) and an outdoor PE kit (a suitable tracksuit or leggings/jogging bottoms and jumper, and trainers). We will be prioritising outdoor PE lessons, weather permitting.
- Children will not require swimming kits as swimming will not commence until further notice.
- Children will need a bag or book bag, suitable for a tray or box (KS2 only), to fit a reading book and reading diary (no bulky bags please).
- Children may bring a small pencil case to school for their personal use only – This needs to be plastic and may include pencils, colouring pencils, small selection of felt tips, small ruler, eraser and pencil sharpener (No oversized pencil cases or fabric please). Stationary will also be provided by school so it is not necessary to purchase any new equipment.
- Children can continue to bring a morning snack (toast or fruit).
- Children in primary schools **are not** required to wear a face covering, as stated in the Department for Education guidance.

What we will do:

- Support your child's safe return to school, focussing on wellbeing and re-establishing positive routines.
- Provide a broad and ambitious curriculum in all subjects, retaining the same amount of teaching and learning time each day.
- Organise children and staff into class bubbles, keeping bubbles apart where possible, including playtimes and lunchtime.
- Encourage children to keep their distance within groups, although the Department for Education recognise that younger children will not be able to maintain social distancing and state that it is acceptable for them not to distance in their groups.
- Advise staff and adult visitors in school to wear face coverings in situations where social distancing between adults is not possible.
- Encourage all school staff to continue to self-test routinely, using Lateral Flow Devices, as part of the asymptomatic testing programme.
- Arrange classrooms to support distancing, which will include seating children side by side and facing forward, similarly to the Autumn Term.
- Ensure that children wash their hands thoroughly, at regular times during the school day (including when they arrive at school, when they return from breaks, and before and after eating).
- Promote good respiratory hygiene.
- Keep classrooms and other shared spaces well ventilated.
- Maintain enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces.
- Take prompt action if a child or member of staff becomes unwell or has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms.
- Provide children with clear rules and routines to maintain safety around school.
- Resume provision of hot dinners for children who have a school dinner.
- Continue to provide Kidz Klub provision, offering the same sessions as the Autumn Term, with control measures in place.
- Provide remote education provision to children who are self-isolating, using our home learning platform Purple Mash (See Remote Education Provision document on our School Website for more information).
- Following current guidance, we will not arrange educational visits or host any performances with an audience.

Staggered drop off and pick up times will remain the same as the Autumn Term. Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time and is picked up promptly.

	Drop off time	Pick up time		Drop off time	Pick up time
Nursery	8.45am	3.15pm	Year 3	8.45am	3.15pm
Reception	8.30am	3.00pm	Year 4	8.30am	3.00pm
Year 1	8.40am	3.10pm	Year 5	8.45am	3.15pm
Year 2	8.50am	3.20pm	Year 6	8.30am	3.00pm

We are really looking forward to welcoming all children back to St. Wilfrid's on Monday 8th March. Please be positive with your child/children about returning to school and we look forward to continuing our effective partnership with you.

Thank you in advance for your support and co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

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