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Dear parent / carer

I hope that you enjoyed Half Term. With spring in the air we are once again looking forward to welcoming you and your children back to school from **Monday, 8 March** and are confident that the full return to school will be successful and enjoyable, and most of all, safe.

Please find attached with this letter our updated risk assessment. This can also be found on the School Facebook page and the School website.

#### **In summary:**

All children from Nursery to Year 6 should return to school on **Monday, 8 March**. We will be resuming the arrangements which worked so well in September.

#### **Arrival times**

We will stagger the start and finish of the day. Parents and children should minimise contact and maintain social distancing as much as possible outside, and wait on the playground. Please do not enter the school buildings.

Please can one adult bring your child to school. To minimise unnecessary social contact do not let children walk to school on their own. The government recommends against taking public transport or car sharing. **Please try to limit the number of different adults who visit school and always make sure you wear a face covering.**

Nursery morning children are to arrive at 8.30am via the main gate.

Reception children are to arrive at 8.30am via the main gate.

Year 1 children are to arrive at 8.30am via the KS1 gate by Howard Road park.

Year 2 children are to arrive at 8.40am via the KS1 gate by Howard Road park.

Year 3 and 4 children are to arrive at 8.40am via the KS2 playground gate.

Year 5 and 6 children are to arrive at 8.50am via the KS2 playground gate.

Nursery afternoon sessions start at 12.15pm

#### **Collection times**

Please can parents wait on the relevant playground.

Reception children are to be collected at 2.45pm via the main gate.

Year 1 children are to be collected at 2.50pm via the KS1 gate by Howard Road park.

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Year 2 children are to be collected at 3.00pm via the KS1 gate by Howard Road park.

Year 3 and 4 children are to be collected at 3.00pm via the KS2 playground gate.

Year 5 and 6 children are to be collected at 3.10pm via the KS2 playground gate.

Nursery afternoon children are to be collected at 3.15pm via the main gate.

### **Wrap Around**

From 8 March, Breakfast Club and After School Clubs will be open, dependent upon demand. If accessing this provision it should be to support you to work, undertake education or training, or to attend a medical appointment. We will contact you about this separately.

### **School Uniform**

Children should wear school uniform on their return to school. Please bring a pair of trainers for outdoor PE and indoor shoes should be worn as usual. There is no need for PE kit this term.

### **Face coverings**

At the moment children are NOT expected to wear face masks or any other protective clothing. Staff however will be wearing face coverings and we ask parents to wear them on school premises too, as you would at the supermarket.

### **Hygiene**

There will be additional cleaning and hand washing routines each day and children will be advised to frequently wash their hands to reduce risk of infection. We will follow the “catch it, bin it, kill it” advice for coughs and sneezes.

### **Meals at school**

Hot school dinners will be provided as usual and these should be booked in the usual way. A packed lunch may be brought instead. Hot dinners are eaten in class groups in the school hall, with staggered sittings and regular sanitising in between. Key Stage 2 packed lunches will be eaten in their classroom bubbles.

### **Belongings**

Children should bring the minimum to school, unless advised by their teacher. They should not bring a pencil case to school as their own personal equipment will be provided in the classroom. They should also not bring any toys from home into school and unfortunately we will not be able to give out birthday sweets until further notice.

### **Attendance**

School attendance is **mandatory** again from 8 March. If you are highly anxious about reattending please contact school and one of our Engagement Team members will contact you to make a plan.

### **In case of illness**

Please advise school of any absence as soon as possible. Do not send children to school who are displaying any symptoms of coronavirus. You should get a test which can be booked online through NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-an-antigen-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/> You must inform school immediately of the results of the test, and self-isolate if positive.

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**If a child or adult has a positive test we will inform Public Health England and follow their advice about the other children in the bubble.**

If a child becomes ill at school then we will move them to the medical room and ask you to collect, using the emergency numbers which we have for you. **Please advise us if your telephone numbers have changed.**

### **Staff testing**

All members of staff are taking part in 'rapid testing' using Lateral Flow Devices twice a week to identify if they are infectious but do not have any coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms. If any positive cases are reported then we will follow Public Health England advice as above and close bubbles if necessary. Unfortunately this will be at short notice.

### **Queries**

To avoid contact in the office or classroom please telephone if you have a question, 01295 262507, or use email [office.3262@st-leonards.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3262@st-leonards.oxon.sch.uk) and your message will be forwarded on to the best person to help.

### **Community**

There's no doubt that the last few months have been a challenge for everyone but we have been warmed by the huge amount of support from parents and the wider school community. Everyone has done their utmost to support children's learning and well-being and we know how exhausting that can be. We are extremely grateful for everything which you have done and continue to do.

As after previous Lockdowns we will be following a 'Recovery Curriculum' to begin with, ensuring that all children feel safe and welcome at school and ready to learn. One thing which we have learned is the incredible resilience of our children; their humour, their kindness, and their willingness to live "Life in all its Fullness". Hopefully together we can get their lives back to some degree of normality.

My best wishes to you all.

*Neil Blackwell*

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