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Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Whole School Reopening 8 March 2021

I hope you and your family are well. Firstly, I would like to thank all parents, teachers, TA's and the office staff for all their hard work supporting our children learning remotely or still in school throughout the lockdown period. Secondly, I would like to say a huge well done to all the children for working so hard. We are very proud of your efforts!

As announced by the Prime Minister on the 22 February, all schools will be opening on Monday 8 March, with attendance being mandatory for all pupils. On behalf of the staff team, we are really happy, are looking forward to welcoming the children back and cannot wait to see everyone again! We are confident that the children will quickly settle back in to life at school, just as they did previously in September. We will continue to provide a broad and balanced curriculum, whilst prioritising the most significant gaps in learning and supporting the social, physical and emotional wellbeing of our pupils.

We will continue to adhere to government guidance and follow our system of controls in order to reduce risk and create a safe environment for both pupils and adults within our school community.

Here are a few reminders and key information that will help you and your child(ren) prepare for the return to school.

Parent drop off and pick up arrangements

- Drop off time will be between 8.45 and by 9.00am for all year groups.
- Pick up time for Reception and KS1 will be 3.00pm from the playground.
- Pick up time for KS2 will be 3.10pm. Year 3 and 4 from outside their classrooms and year 5 and 6 from outside the door by the Head's office.
- All parents/carers should strictly keep to the allotted drop off and pick up times and ensure social distancing both on and off the school site.
- Only one adult should accompany their child/ren onto the school site (if possible).
- Please keep to the one-way system when entering or exiting the school grounds.
- The car park should **not** be used between 8.30am and 3.15pm to drop pupils off or pick them up unless you have permission to do so from the school.
- As before, we ask parents/carers to wear face masks whilst on the school site.

Roots to grow, wings to fly
"They will soar on wings like eagles" Isaiah 40:31
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Bubble groups, class organisation and moving around the school

To reduce the risk of transmission and reduce the number of contacts, as before the lockdown, pupils will remain in consistent bubble groups. Each year group will be taught in their own class and each bubble will have a designated play area for break and lunchtimes. Teachers and teaching assistants will remain with each bubble. Movement around the school will be kept to a minimum and bubble groups will not mix within the school day.

Uniform

Pupils are expected to wear the correct school uniform, including shoes. However, on the days when their class have PE, they should come to school in their PE kit and trainers rather than their school uniform. PE days will be confirmed by the class teacher before the start of term.

Visitors/Parents/Carers in School

Visitors will only be allowed into the school building if they have an appointment. If you need to arrange an appointment/speak to a member of staff, please contact the school office on 01249 783006 or by email admin@bybrookvalley.wilts.sch.uk.

Breakfast Club/After School Club Provision

Before and after school provision (Bubbles) will be available again from Monday 8 March. Children will be split into two groups - R, Y1 and 2; Y3 - 6. Before school, toast and cereal will be provided (if your child attends before 8.20am); After school, a snack and a hot meal will be provided (if your child stays after 5.00pm), though there will be minor adjustments to the menu. If you need to amend your original booking at all, please email admin@bybrookvalley.wilts.sch.uk.

When parents are using external childcare providers or accessing out of school extra-curricular activities, government guidance advises limiting the use of multiple providers and to only use one setting for provision as far as possible.

School Meals

The school kitchen will be open and we will be providing hot school dinners. ParentPay is now back up and running so please place orders for week commencing Monday 8 March by **midnight on Wednesday 3 March**.

Contact Numbers

Please ensure we have your up-to-date contact numbers. If they have changed over the closure period, please contact the school office via email admin@bybrookvalley.wilts.sch.uk.

In the event of an outbreak of COVID in school, a class, bubble or the whole school could close temporarily to help control transmission. If this is the case, pupils will be taught remotely as per our remote learning plan.

Wellbeing and support

It is important to start talking to your child about their return to school. Some pupils may be experiencing a variety of emotions in response to COVID, such as anxiety, stress or low

mood. We will do all we can to alleviate these worries on their return. If your child does need any additional support, please ensure that you speak to the class teacher.

Additional points:

- If your child is ill (any illness) keep them at home.
- If you suspect your child or a member of your family has Coronavirus, keep them home, self-isolate, get tested and inform the school of the results.
- Remind your child about the importance of 'hands, face and space.'

Once again, I would like to thank you for your continued support. I look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 8 March.

Yours sincerely



Mr G Pike
Headteacher