

‘Living, Loving, Learning’

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Dear Parent/Carer

The end of the lockdown is in sight and we can't wait for the children to return!

Just a few updates before we come back:

- Both yards will open at 8:45am to allow children to be dropped off.
- Staff will be on the yards to direct the children to the classrooms.
- We expect it to be busy, as children will (hopefully!) be excited to come back. Therefore, if the line to enter school looks busy, stand back and send your child in once it has cleared. There is a 15 minute period when children can enter so do not worry about your child being marked as late.
- The school will be well-ventilated, so it may be worth putting some extra layers on underneath uniforms.
- On PE days, children will be able to wear tracksuit bottoms. Teachers will speak to the children regarding this in the first week back.
- Please ensure that a face mask is worn by all adults on the yard. If you are exempt, please do not be offended if we ask, as we are only trying to protect all members of our community.
- Please can we ask that only one adult attends with each child and that social distancing is observed at all times between adults.

Please also note that the Government has said that any **adults who live with or who are in a support bubble** with a primary school child can access two tests per week. There are various ways that these can be accessed. Further information is below.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are different ways for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- **through your employer, if they offer testing to employees**
- **by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests**
- **by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access**

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testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

We look forward to welcoming the children back.

Regards



Mr L Daniels
Headteacher

