



Dear Parents/Carers,

It is with great excitement that we look forward to finally welcoming all of the children back into school next week. On behalf of all of the teachers I would like to thank you for your efforts in home learning over this very tricky period. We are delighted to confirm that our school will be fully open for **all** pupils on **Monday 8th March**.

The staggered start and finish times will remain in place for all year groups in order to keep children as safe as possible in their separate bubbles. Just as a reminder:

Year 3	Start 8.30am	Finish 3.00pm
Year 4	Start 8.40am	Finish 3.10pm
Year 5	Start 8.50am	Finish 3.20pm
Year 6	Start 9.00am	Finish 3.30pm

As you were informed in Mrs C's letter after the Christmas break, we have had to tighten safety measures on the site by asking parents **not** to enter the premises when dropping off and picking up the children. This is a temporary measure which we will review and lift as soon as it is safe to do so. With this in mind it is extremely important that parents and carers arrive at the correct time each day, in order to avoid crowds gathering outside the gates. **IN THE MORNING** all children are to be dropped at the gate - no parents are to walk their children to the doors. The year 3s are now aware of where to go and there will be plenty of the school team to help them should they need reassurance. After school, the middle gate will not be opened; this was decided before Christmas due to the disruption being caused to the classes that finish later in the day due to people and children on the playground. It also meant that all our PE lessons were being shortened to ensure that the children were in before people started to gather. We will cone off a portion of the car park accessible through the gate on the path for people to wait when it is your time. The year group cones will still be used and we kindly request you socially distance. **NO ADULTS WILL BE ALLOWED ON SITE WITHOUT A MASK.**

Inside the school we have fully reviewed all risk assessments and all of the safety measures in school have been refreshed, signage checked and resources to sanitise and wash, refilled. Although we ask you not to come to the school office, we are of course still here to support you and deal with any issues you may have, so if you need to talk to an adult about your children please call the school or if you email us we will call you back that morning. Thank you for helping us to keep your children safe and ensuring we can keep the school open and safe until we defeat this virus.

We will of course be focusing on the children's wellbeing as our top priority as they return, and fully understand that many may be anxious after so much time away from school. Learning mentors will be on hand to support, and sessions in school will be delivered to help pupils to settle in and reduce their worries. Can we also direct you to the following agencies should you feel you need further support with mental wellbeing in these times:

Text SHOUT to 85258

Talk to someone confidentially: kooth.com

HOPELINEUK- Call: 0800 0684141 Text: 07860 039967

Email: pat@papyrus-uk.org

Childline - <https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/contacting-childline/>

North East Lincolnshire Single Point of Access Tel: 01472 256256 Choose option 3 mental health emergencies or immediate response required

As the government has lifted the restrictions on sports and after school clubs it is our intention to offer a sports club to each year group, starting in the week beginning Monday 15th March. Please look out for a letter that the children will bring home on the first day back for further information on this. PE days in school will remain the same as autumn term (year 3 Tuesday and Thursday, year 4 Wednesday and Thursday, year 5 Tuesday and Friday, year 6 Monday and Friday). Please ensure that the children bring their kits on these days with suitable footwear and that they do not wear earrings. Children should be in full school uniform each day, but may want to wear extra layers underneath as our extra ventilation can sometimes mean school is a little colder than normal.

We will also be re-opening our Breakfast club in order to support parents who require childcare early each morning. This will begin on Monday 15th March and will be organised into labelled sections of the hall to avoid children mixing between bubbles.

As before, in order to reduce risks please ensure that the children do not bring in extra items to school. The sports club nights will coincide with PE days so that kits do not need to be brought in on extra days. As always no pencil cases are allowed and we will ensure quarantining of reading books as a precautionary measure.

I'm happy to say we have no Covid cases currently in the school community. If you or your children have any of the symptoms please book a test and keep the children away from school until a negative result is confirmed. With secondary schools poised to begin testing you may find that older brothers or sisters test positive. If anyone in the household tests positive ALL of the household must STAY HOME and self-isolate.

Apologies for the long letter, it was important to give you our key messages so that we can hit the ground running on Monday! We look forward to welcoming the children back into school and we thank you once again for your continued support during this pandemic.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sargent". The signature is written in a cursive style and includes a horizontal line at the end.

Sarah Sargent

Deputy Headteacher