

Return to School January 2021

It is the final day of 2020. As Mrs Nicholson and I sit here and reflect on a challenging year behind us, we are also looking forward to a new year and a new start. As of today, we are fully expecting to open school on the 4th of January and welcome all our children back. If this changes between now and Monday morning, we will update you.

From January the 4th, in order to continue to minimise the risk against the new strain of Covid-19 please:

- always wear a face covering when dropping off children or collecting them (unless you have a medical reason not to);
- be very quick to respond if anyone in your family bubble has symptoms - if in any doubt, all stay at home and get a test (please contact the school office at the first sign of symptoms and update us of any test results as soon as you get them);
- remember to be aware of keeping your distance at all times;
- continue to remind your children about hands, face and space;
- inform the school office if children are absent from school due to self- isolating.

Staff will also wear a face covering when collecting children and handing them back to you, around school and in corridors.

We continue to try and improve the start and end of the school day. From January 4th we will be opening both gates in the morning. Bubbles may enter at the following times:

<u>Arrive</u>	<u>Collect</u>
8:45 Year 5/6	3:05 Year 5/6
8:50 Year 3/4	3:10 Year 3/4
8:55 Year 1/2	3:15 Year 1/2
9:00 Reception	3:20 Reception

In the morning the teachers will continue to collect the children as before from the main gate. If you choose to use the Belper school entrance the caretaker and myself will be there. In the afternoon staff will let the children out of your preferred gate. Please make sure your child knows which gate you will be at. Arrangements for drop off for siblings/child minders will be as before.

Many thanks for you continued support. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns.

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