

**REVISED LETTER – please note changes highlighted in red**

Dear Parents/Carers

We are really looking forward to welcoming all pupils back to school next Monday. It seems such a long time since school closed to most pupils on the 5<sup>th</sup> January! We have really missed having all the children in school but are extremely impressed with how the children and parents have engaged with home learning.

**School will re-open to all pupils on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

As a school, we have worked very hard to ensure the return to school is as safe as we can possibly make it. The risk assessments we have put in place adhere to both the government and local education authority guidelines.

**Preparing to come back to school**

- On PE days, your child needs to wear PE kit all day consisting of navy-blue shorts with plain navy-blue joggers over the shorts, white T-shirt, navy sweatshirt and trainers suitable for outdoor PE.

Miss Dale / Mrs Rodenby	Wednesday
Mr Boardman	<b>Tuesday / Wednesday</b>
Miss Bradley	Monday / Wednesday / Friday
Mrs Hawkins / Mrs Roberts	Tuesday / Wednesday
Ms Bostock / Mrs Hodgins	Monday / Wednesday / Friday
Mrs Kanigowski	Wednesday / Thursday / Friday
Miss Payne	Wednesday / Thursday / Friday
Miss Slack	Wednesday / Thursday
Mrs Nicholson (Miss Illingworth)	Wednesday / Thursday
Mr Hartley	Monday / Wednesday / Friday

- Children need to be in **full school uniform** on the other days.
- Classrooms will have most doors and windows open all the time so please ensure your child has enough layers on and brings a coat every day.
- Talk to your child about continuing to maintain a safe distance from others, keeping hands clean and 'catch it, bin it, kill it' (sneezes and coughs).
- Remind your child about hands/face/space.
- Remind the children the staff are here to support them and will help them when they come back to school.
- Make sure your child has a drink bottle with fresh water in (to be brought home and changed daily).
- Make sure your child has a fruit snack if they would like one (Infants will have fruit provided).
- Check the start and finish times for your child/children's bubble and please do not arrive more than 2 minutes before the start and end as you will clash with another bubble.
- Please keep a 2 metre distance from other adults and children.
- Adults must wear a mask when dropping off and collecting (unless they are exempt).

- Make sure the office staff / class teacher is aware of any changes in circumstances which may affect their learning or wellbeing in school.
- If your child arrives after their bubble has gone in please report to the main office so that lunch can be ordered.
- If your child arrives earlier than their bubble is due to start, please wait with them until the starting time (unless they have a sibling in school who they are coming in with).

### **Dropping off and collecting your child from school**

I have been really impressed by parents social distancing at drop off and collection times. We have decided to trial 5 minute gaps for start and finish time again. Please ensure you are on time to avoid bubbles crossing.

We will be opening both gates in the morning and in the afternoon. Please make sure your child knows which gate you will be collecting them from.

The start times and end times for each bubble from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March will be as follows:

	<b>Start time</b>	<b>Finish time</b>
<b>Reception</b>	<b>9:10</b>	<b>3:30</b>
<b>Y1 / Y2</b>	<b>9.00</b>	<b>3:20</b>
<b>Y3 / Y4</b>	<b>8:50</b>	<b>3:10</b>
<b>Y5 / Y6</b>	<b>8:45</b>	<b>3:05</b>

When children come into school, they will line up with their class teacher as normal (i.e. no social distancing) but will be reminded about staying alert and avoiding physical contact with others.

At the end of the day, children exiting at the car park entrance will be handed over to their adult at the gate, as their adult reaches the front of the line.

As before, parents/carers collecting children at the Belper School gate, are asked to wait on the playground, socially distancing, and their child will be sent out to them.

Arrangements for drop off and collection for siblings and childminders will be as before.

### **Speaking to your child's class teacher**

If you do need to speak directly to a member of staff, please make an appointment via the school office or by email with your child's class teacher and this will be facilitated in the school meeting room at a safe distance.

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[MrsRodenbyclass@pottery.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:MrsRodenbyclass@pottery.derbyshire.sch.uk)

[MrBoardmanclass@pottery.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:MrBoardmanclass@pottery.derbyshire.sch.uk)

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[MrsRobertsclass@pottery.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:MrsRobertsclass@pottery.derbyshire.sch.uk)  
[MrsHodginsclass@pottery.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:MrsHodginsclass@pottery.derbyshire.sch.uk)  
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[MissIllingworthclass@pottery.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:MissIllingworthclass@pottery.derbyshire.sch.uk)  
[MrHartleyclass@pottery.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:MrHartleyclass@pottery.derbyshire.sch.uk)  
[Year5/6support@pottery.derbyshire.derbyshire](mailto:Year5/6support@pottery.derbyshire.derbyshire)  
[epeach@pottery.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:epeach@pottery.derbyshire.sch.uk)

## **The school day**

In March, we will be focussing on the wellbeing of our children and re-establishing routine, structures, friendship, and social skills. Initially our learning focus will build on the work you have been doing at home with an emphasis on reading, speaking and listening, writing and mathematics.

As a school we will all be looking at the book, 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers. The staff have been busy planning a lot of exciting learning opportunities, based on the book which I am sure the children will really enjoy. We will be doing as much outdoor learning as possible.

Each bubble will have a separate area within the playground, and lunch times will remain staggered to avoid bubbles mixing during the school day. The children will continue to be taught in year groups for maths and will continue to be taught IT and French by specialist staff in the juniors. All PE will be outside and will be non-contact. There will be no whole school assemblies but classes will have their own assemblies and our reward system will continue.

We are hoping that musical lessons and after-school clubs will restart soon – details to follow.

## **How many children will be in a bubble?**

School will continue to operate a 'bubble' system. The children will be in 4 bubbles across the school (year 5/6, year 3/4, year 1/2 and Reception). Staff will continue to maintain distance from each other and from children when circumstances allow. In the juniors, all children will sit next to each other, facing the teacher.

## **Promoting good hygiene, handwashing and cleaning**

We will continue to ensure everyone on site continues to wash their hands thoroughly and more often than usual. Also, there are hand sanitisers throughout school for children and staff to use.

Our enhanced cleaning routine will continue, including frequent cleaning of rooms and cleaning between groups of pupils using shared areas (ICT suite / lunch time toilets).

Children will have their own equipment (pencils, pens, whiteboard). Junior children may bring a small pencil case with their own equipment in (must be small enough to fit into their tray) but these cannot be left around for cleaners to have to move or clean around at night.

Classroom resources such as books and games will be shared within the bubble. Reading books will be sent home but will be 'quarantined' before being re-issued.

### **Lateral flow test kits now available to parents**

We have been advised that parents of both primary and secondary school pupils can access lateral flow test kits for their own use at home, and that these will be made available for households to use from 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 when the children return to school.

The following guidance was received from school late yesterday from the Department for Education:

#### ***'Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff***

*Around 1 in 3 people with coronavirus (COVID-19) do not have symptoms but can still pass it on to others. Regular testing of people without symptoms (asymptomatic testing) is important to help stop the virus spreading. . . .*

*On Sunday 28 February, the Department of Health and Social Care announced that . . . . households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles, can test themselves twice every week at home as schools return from Monday 8 March. Households, childcare and support bubbles of primary, secondary and college staff can also be tested. . . . . The twice-weekly test kits can be accessed:*

- at a local test site*
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site*
- by ordering a home test kit online*

*Letters containing advice on where to access testing will be made available for schools to share with parents and staff shortly'.*

**We will let you know as soon as we have more details regarding how parents can obtain test kits.**

### **If your child or someone in your household has coronavirus symptoms:**

- Staff, pupils and other adults must not come into the school if they have [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#), or have tested positive in the last 10 days, and anyone developing symptoms during the school day will be sent home.
- If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they will be sent home and advised to follow '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)' advice, which states that they **must arrange for a Covid-19 test** and self-isolate until they receive a negative test result. When a test result is received, please inform school office **immediately**.
- The school will take swift action if we become aware someone has tested positive and take advice from the health protection team. Staff and parents must be willing to provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with if they test positive for COVID-19.

Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any unanswered questions. We will continue to do our best to keep you up to date with information and keep lines of communication with you as open as we can.

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