



Dear Parents,

I am delighted to announce that our school can reopen to all pupils from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. The past year has been such a difficult time for everyone but I am hopeful that with the progress the country is making with vaccinations, we are on the slow road back to normality. I am sure you agree that priority was given to getting children back into school to receive the education they are entitled to. We are delighted that this is before the Easter break.

As I have already said in communication during this lockdown, I cannot thank you enough as parents for your support in helping your child to engage with the home-learning activities, live teaching and pre-recorded lessons. I honestly believe every parent deserves a huge medal for their efforts. Being a parent myself, I know how tough it is to balance work commitments, home-schooling and parenting. You have all managed extremely well and although I am sure you are happy to hand the teaching back over to us, you should be proud of yourselves and your children.

I would also like to thank all of the staff in school who have skilfully managed to teach and support both the children in school as well as at home under such difficult circumstances. Regardless of being in the middle of a global pandemic, staff have embraced every day with smiles on their faces, ready to support your children. I know they have always been on the other end of the phone for you all and I hope you have found this some comfort in these unprecedented times.

### **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March all pupils in all year groups can return to school. I have included the staggered timings below to remind you. The only change being to the timings in Year 1 and Year 2.

Class	Time	Entrance/Exit
Butterflies	9am - 12pm 12:30pm - 3:30pm	Gate via school walk / 2 year old main entrance
Bluebells	8:45am - 11:45am 12:15pm - 3:15pm	Gate via school walk / Nursery side door
Fireflies	9:10am - 3:10pm	Gate via school walk / Door that leads into Fireflies classroom
Dragonflies	9:10am - 3:10pm	Gate via school walk / Door 1 on main yard
Class 1K	8:50am - 2:50pm	Main school gate / Door 2 on main yard
Class 1S	8:50am - 2:50pm	Main school gate / Door 2 on main yard
Class 2	9:00am - 3pm	Main school gate / Door 2 on main yard
Class 3	8:50am - 2:50pm	Main school gate / Door 3 on main school yard
Class 4S	9:00am - 3pm	Main school gate / Door 4 on main school yard
Class 4L	9:00am - 3pm	Main school gate / Door 5 on main school yard
Class 5I	8:50am - 2:50pm	Main school gate / Door 5 on main school yard
Class 5G	8:50am - 2:50pm	Main school gate / Door 4 on main school yard
Class 6	9:00am - 3pm	Main school gate / Door 3 on main school yard

Please can I remind all parents that face coverings are compulsory within the school grounds and all parents must adhere to social distancing guidelines.

### **Transition back into school**

With the majority of children being away from school for many weeks, we aim to ensure that the children settle back into their routines smoothly. Therefore, we will begin by teaching in short bursts with regular breaks to build up their stamina for learning. Similarly, we will be teaching subjects in blocks across a number of weeks rather than trying to teach all subjects at once. All children will be fully supported by the teaching staff within their bubble. However, if you are concerned about your child in any way, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher via telephone or email.

### **World Book Day**

Official World Book Day is this Thursday. However, we have decided to postpone our celebration of this to **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March**. This is so that all children can enjoy coming to school dressed as their favourite book character and enjoy a range of exciting activities across the whole day. What a lovely way for your child to end their first week back in school. A separate letter will be sent out regarding this.

### **Teacher Training Days**

As you are aware we were required to change our teacher training days due to unforeseen circumstances just before the Christmas break. Just a reminder that the next 2 teacher training days are:

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May**

The school will be closed to all pupils on these dates.

### **Parent Governor Vacancies**

We currently have 2 vacancies on our Governing Body for Parent Governors. If you are interested in this position and feel you would like to support the school in this role, please contact the school office as soon as possible for a nomination form.

All staff are very much looking forward to welcoming all children back to school on Monday. Please be rest assured that our COVID risk assessment is up to date and all systems are in place to support a safe environment for your child. In addition, all staff in school are carrying out lateral flow COVID tests twice weekly. Whilst we cannot guarantee there will be no positive cases, we will do everything we can to prevent this. In the unlikely event that we are advised of a positive case within school you will be informed as soon as possible, detailing any necessary actions you need to take.

As always, if you have any concerns or queries regarding your child's return, please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's class teacher and we will do everything we can to support you.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs R. Leonard

Acting Head Teacher