

WITTERING PRIMARY SCHOOL & FAMILIES CENTRE

“LEARNING TO FLY HIGH”

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Dear Parents

Re-opening Of Schools – Monday 8th March

Hello everyone. I hope you and your families are all well.

I am writing to give you some more detail about starting back on the 8th of March. The way school will operate will be very similar to how it was during the Autumn term. We will need to continue with staggered start and end times to the school day and these are listed below. There are a few changes to procedure to fit in line with the updated guidance. As always if you have any questions please get in touch and I will do my best to answer them as soon as possible.

Masks

One of the changes in the guidance is that it is now recommended that staff will need to wear masks when they are outside of the classroom they are based in (ie corridors, etc). It may be worth talking to the children about this before they return as it is different to what was happening before and I don't want the children to be worried about this.

Please can I request that parents wear a mask when on the school premises including at pick up and drop off times.

Children of primary school age or younger do not need to wear masks at all.

Social Distancing

Please remember to keep 2 metres apart from anyone outside of your household. This includes waiting on the playground or when walking around the school. I realise there are some pinch points near the year 5 classrooms and the gate near the reception classes, please be patient with each other around these areas. When dropping off or collecting children please only have one person doing this as it helps us to reduce the number of people on the premises at those busy times.

Please remember to follow the direction systems and entry/exit gates around school. I appreciate it may take you a little longer but by working together then it helps us to reduce the risk around transmission.

Symptoms

It is very important that if you or a member of your household is showing one of the three main symptoms (high temperature, persistent new cough, loss or change in taste/smell) that a Covid test is booked. Your household should isolate from the moment the symptoms are noticed to when the result is confirmed. Please do not wait until the test results come back before isolating as this can potentially spread the virus. Please let us know if you have booked a test and the result. We know



from when the children returned in September that colds, etc spread quite quickly when the children are back in school. We need to remain really cautious about this and err on the side of caution.

Positive Cases

If we do have a positive case within school it is likely that we will have to close that bubble down for the recommended isolation time. This would mean remote learning for that group who would need to isolate at home. This would also mean children in that group not accompanying siblings when walking to/from school. If the positive case is linked to our Chill Club this could potentially mean that children from other bubbles may have to isolate as well. Please have a think about what you would do in this situation as I feel it is better to be prepared just in case the scenario arises.

Chill Club

Chill Club will be operating as normal and there will be a separate communication coming to parents about this from Mrs Ecclestone.

School Uniform

Please can I ask that children come into school in their school uniform on the first day back. Teachers will then communicate to parents on Dojo which days they will need to be in PE kit for.

School Devices

If you have been loaned a school device please can you return it to the school office during the first week back. There is no rush to have it back on the first day. This will then give us the chance to get the devices ready to reissue should we need to.

Reading Books

We shall get the reading scheme going as soon as we can. If you have any reading books at home please bring them back on Monday.

School Lunches

School Lunches will operate as they did last term with an offer of a hot meal.

Indoor/Outdoor Shoes

We have managed to find a way that keeps children off the fields at breaktimes so there will be no need to have two pairs of shoes in school. We will look at this again when the weather has improved and we can use the field more often.

Thank You

Finally please can I take this opportunity to thank everyone who filled in our recent questionnaire. Your comments were helpful and governors alongside the leadership team will be taking on board points raised as well as passing on the numerous positive comments about members of staff.

Once again thank you for your support since January. I know it has been hard and it has felt for many of us the hardest lockdown yet. I was genuinely delighted when the Prime Minister announced we would be able to reopen and we cannot wait to see the children back in school. It does feel like we have a clear path to follow and hopefully with co-operation and understanding we can achieve this. We will, as always, do our utmost for our children and community during these difficult times. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Rhys Thrower
Headteacher

Year Group	Class teacher (s)	Time
Rec/Y1	Mrs Reed & Mrs Blake	9am – 315pm
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Rec/Y1	Mrs Smith & Mrs White	9am – 315pm
Y2	Mrs Fox	845am – 3pm
Y2	Mrs Thrower & Ms Murray	9am – 315pm
Y3	Mrs Cadwallader	845am – 3pm
Y3	Mrs Griffiths	9am – 315pm
Y4	Miss Sears	845am – 3pm
Y4	Mrs Murray & Mrs Glenister	9am – 315pm
Y5	Ms Russon & Mrs Kelwick	9am – 315pm
Y5	Mrs Selby	845am – 3pm
Y6	Mrs Potter	845am – 3pm
Y6	Mrs Ledbrook	9am – 315pm

Things the children will need: School uniform, named refillable water bottle and snack for Key stage 2 pupils.

Things the children do not need: PE Kit (for the first day), pencil cases, toys.