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25<sup>th</sup> February 2021

## OPENING OF OUR SCHOOL TO ALL PUPILS ON 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I write to outline and remind you of our plans for the opening of school to all pupils on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021, because the government advice permits us to do so.

Attendance will be **compulsory**. The government have made it clear that they expect every child to attend from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. This means you could be fined if your child does not attend.

### School Organisation Reminder

The children will still arrive and leave from our **Kerry Drive Entrance ONLY**

**NO PARENTS ARE ALLOWED ON THE SCHOOL SITE** therefore the queueing system will remain in place on the driveway of the Kerry Drive entrance for you and your child – this is to minimise the number of people on the school site in the interest of infection control. **Arrival & departure times are the same as the Autumn term and need to be strictly adhered to:**

Bubble R – Reception pupils via	Yellow Entrance:	Start 9.00am - Finish 3.00pm
Bubble 1 - Year 1 pupils via	Orange Gate:	Start 9.00am - Finish 2.45pm
Bubble 2 - Year 2 pupils via	Yellow Entrance:	Start 8.45am - Finish 2.45pm
Bubble 3 - Year 3 pupils via	Orange Gate:	Start 8.45am - Finish 3.00pm
Bubble 4 - Year 4 pupils via	Blue Gate:	Start 8.45am - Finish 3.00pm
Bubble 5 - Year 5 pupils via	Blue Gate:	Start 8.30am - Finish 2.45pm
Bubble 6 - Year 6 pupils via	Blue Gate:	Start 9.00am - Finish 3.15pm

- Please follow the markings on the school drive as these are mirrored with our markings in the school playground and this will help your child to keep safe by setting a good example.
- Please wear a face covering when collecting and dropping off your child.
- Only 1 adult per family on the school drive please to keep our numbers as low as possible.
- Please leave the school site swiftly, to avoid waiting of any kind, to help keep everyone safe. **Please make sure any pre-school children are in a pushchair or holding your hand at all times.**

- If you have an older child who leaves the school site unaccompanied please arrange to meet them on Kerry Drive away from the school entrance, to help keep everyone safe.
- **Please help everyone to feel safe by not congregating outside the school gates and by keeping a safe distance of 2 meters.**
- **Please do not send your child to school if they are feeling unwell.**
- No dogs please on the school site or around the school gates where people are trying to enter and exit.
- We will be reminding the children to maintain the 'Catch it, kill it, bin it' approach to promote good respiratory and hand hygiene by disposing of tissues quickly (as advised by public health) as well as rigorous handwashing throughout the school day.
- The children will continue to have split break and lunchtimes and only have a playtime within their 'bubble'.
- The mid-day supervisors will continue to work with one class bubble at a time and the children will eat lunch within their allocated classroom for classes 1, 2 and 3. All other class bubbles will eat in the school hall at a specific time in an allocated area.
- We politely request that your child does **not** bring any stationary or unnecessary items to school other than a clearly labelled water bottle (a lunchbox, coat and sunhat, if necessary.) **Named water bottles will need to be brought into school each day. The bottle will be refilled if necessary.**
- **School uniform is now compulsory at this time, including all long hair tied back please. However, on P.E. days, we request that your child arrives at school in their P.E. kit and keeps it on all day.**  
Your child's class teacher will contact you as soon as possible to advise you of P.E. days and any other important information regarding your child's specific class bubble.  
***P.E. Kit – Black Shorts/Jogging Trousers/Leggings, a plain White/Blue/Red T-shirt, School Fleece/Jumper and a pair of Trainers.***
- Your child's clothes need to be washed regularly after returning home from school to avoid any potential transfer of infection.
- Children are expected to social distance at all times from all adults in school wherever possible, but not each other.
- Children will not share equipment. They will have their own personal pouch on their desk with equipment supplied by school. **NO pencil cases and/or stationery from home is allowed at this time please.**
- Communication with parents remains a priority to the school and as we can no longer do this at the school gate, we are available by phone/email whenever necessary. Please email [info@richardson.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@richardson.derbyshire.sch.uk) as the class email address will no longer be available. Remember our staff cannot be within two metres of you, if you have a confidential message please telephone.
- Home learning will still be available for any children that need to isolate, which will link to our curriculum.
- **Smalley Childcare** will be re-opening their childcare facility on site both before and after school. Please contact them direct for further information.

Please send your child's home learning work book/books to school with them on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March so that we can quarantine them for 3 days before sharing and celebrating their achievements with them in school.

**Please note: If your child becomes unwell during the school day with any of the symptoms of COVID-19 you will be contacted and required to collect your child immediately. Until you arrive, your child will be placed in isolation and any member of staff monitoring your child will need to be dressed in full PPE.**

**If you think your child may have been exposed to or has COVID 19 (Coronavirus), please contact the school on 01332 880317 at the earliest opportunity.**

## **Thankyou**

I would like to thank those of you who took the time to send your messages of thanks to the school team. The staff have all worked incredibly hard at providing quality education for both the children at home and the children of Keyworkers who have continued to come into school. I am pleased to inform you that our strict systems and procedures kept all those attending during this time safe and well and I would like to thank those parents who supported us in keeping everyone (both children and adults) safe.

As I have said before, we have missed every one of you and we look forward to Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March when we can all be together again. I will continue to update you as much as possible as we move forward over the coming weeks, we will constantly monitor and change procedures as and when we feel it is necessary.

In the meantime, take care of your families and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Mason.  
Headteacher