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Monday 8th March 2021

Dear Parents,

**Planning for the return to school for all pupils on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021  
Information for Parents**

We are looking forward very much to welcoming all our children back into school and would like to reassure you that the safety of everyone in our school community continues to be our priority. This is matched with our concern for the well-being and happiness of our children. School will reopen to all pupils on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**.

**Following government guidance the following measures will be in place to keep everyone in our school community safe. They form part of our updated comprehensive school risk assessment. Please read this carefully as some measures have changed:**

- **Handwashing** ensuring everyone cleans their hands more often than usual, including when they arrive at school, when they return from breaks, and before and after eating – this can be done with soap and running water or hand sanitiser which will be available throughout school
- **Cleaning** enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces more often
- **Hygiene** ensuring good respiratory hygiene, by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- **Class groups (bubbles)** keeping children in their class groups to minimise social contact Public Health England have asked us to remind parents that school 'bubbles' do not apply outside of school (ie children should avoid mixing with friends outside of school, even if they are in the same 'bubble' at school). We need to minimise risk.
- **Symptoms** anyone who has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who lives with someone who is showing symptoms, must not attend school - this means if your child, or someone in your household, has symptoms you should not send them to school
- **NHS Track and Trace** anyone with symptoms must engage with the NHS Test and Trace process so that cases can be identified and action taken - this means if your child develops symptoms, you should arrange for them to get a test and you should inform school of the results of that test. All staff and pupils will have access to testing if they develop symptoms of coronavirus, and rapid action will be taken should any test come back positive to ensure that the school continues to be a safe environment. We will follow advice from our local health protection team.
- **Lateral Flow Testing for staff in school** All staff who work in our school will continue to test with LFD's twice a week at home.
- **Face coverings for all on school site and in communal areas** All our staff are wearing face coverings in the school grounds and in school communal areas. **All adults entering the school site should wear a face covering** (unless medically exempt).

- **Lateral Flow Test Kits for households with primary pupils** Home test kits can be ordered online using the following link. [Order rapid lateral flow home test kits](#) These can be ordered for home use only and are optional. Primary children should not be tested.
- **Beginning and end of the school day when adults and children from different bubbles should not be gathering and socialising**

To help maintain social distance the following measures will be in place:

- Parents and children should avoid using public transport to come to school
- For those travelling by car we ask that you wait in your car until your collection time. This will reduce the number of people assembling in and around the school grounds and will help with social distancing
- Only 1 adult per family should come onto the school site to drop off or collect their child
- Adults should wear face coverings on the school site (unless medically exempt)
- Adults and children should avoid gathering at the school gate entrance
- Adults should leave the school site promptly once they have dropped off or collected their child
- **Children can arrive at school and will be welcomed into their classrooms between 8:45am and 9am each day with lessons starting at 9am**
- **Class 1** – children will enter school through the first red gate of their outdoor area (follow signs)
- **Class 2** – children will enter school through the middle red gate of their outdoor area (follow signs)
- **Class 3** – children will enter school through the KS2 entrance to the hall
- **Class 4** – children will enter school through the Class 4 external fire door, turning left at the gate from the playground

#### **End of school day**

To reduce congestion and gathering at the end of the school day we are amending our collection times to avoid parents and children having to wait to collect siblings. We are doing this to keep everyone safe. **Please leave the school site as soon as you have you collected your children.**

**3.15pm finish for Class 1 and 2 children with no siblings in school**

**3.20pm finish for Class 1 and 2 children with siblings in school. Siblings in Class 3 or 4 can be collected at 3.20pm also**

**3.30pm finish for all other Class 3 and 4 children**

**When we return to school next week Mrs Dobson and other school staff will be visible and available at the entrances to school to welcome our children and to reassure them.**

- **Limiting access to the school building for parents and visitors** To keep everyone safe parents and carers should not enter the school building. Please try not to visit the school office unless you really need to (such as forgotten packed lunch, school equipment or medication). If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to speak to a teacher please email or telephone the school office. Messages will be taken before, during and after the school day and teachers will communicate with you by phone, email or in the outside areas of school as appropriate. **Leaving a message with the office: [admin@bolton-on-swale.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bolton-on-swale.n-yorks.sch.uk) Telephone the office: 01748 818401**

- **Arrangements for break times and lunchtimes** We continue to value the importance of our children having a break from learning and enjoying time playing outside together during the school day. Each Class will continue to have a 15 minute break both morning and afternoon and an hour for lunch. **Each class will play in their own designated area of the school grounds with their own play equipment**
- **School lunches** will continue to be cooked as normal. Children may still bring packed lunches if they prefer. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (Classes 1 and 2) receive government funded universal free school meals. Please speak to Mrs Newton in the office if you think you may qualify for free school meals due to income; by applying for this you will also support school financially to further support your child's learning. Danielle, our school cook, continues to cook delicious lunches following the North Yorkshire school menu. **Children will eat lunches in their own class bubbles.**

### **What should my child bring to school?**

Your child should wear school uniform; bring a full water bottle each day; bring a school book bag or similar **small** bag which they can put their reading book and homework in. They should not bring a pencil case; all stationery equipment will be provided.

### **PE Kit Days**

**Class 1 and 2 children should come to school wearing their PE kit on Tuesday and Thursday each week**

**Class 3 and 4 children should come to school wearing their PE kit on Monday and Tuesday each week**

We will aim to do as much outdoor PE as possible to maintain social distancing. Children will need outdoor PE kit: white t shirt (plain or with school logo); black/navy jogging trousers; black/navy hoodie/sweatshirt; trainers. Socially distanced indoor PE will take place in poor weather in smaller groups

**Outdoor and indoor shoes** – due to our rural setting this continues to be a necessity. Many children wear black plimsolls indoors and have school shoes, trainers or wellies (depending on the weather) for outdoors. Some choose to wear school shoes indoors and have trainers or wellies for outdoors.

The most important thing is to have different footwear for indoors and outdoors. The outdoor footwear is what children come to school in; their indoor footwear stays in school.

Children need trainers for outdoor PE and these trainers could be the same as their outdoor footwear. Wellies are currently good outdoor wear on none PE days,

**Instrumental Lessons** – these will begin again next week in a safe and managed way. Children who pay for instrumental lessons may take their violin, cello or flute home. Class 3 music violins and cellos will stay in school. Risk Assessments are in place for all Music lessons.

**Attendance** From 8<sup>th</sup> March, the government have stated that attendance will be mandatory for all children and, therefore, all children should return to school. For parents and carers of children of compulsory school age, this means that the legal duty on you as a parent to send your child to school regularly will apply. A small number of pupils will be unable to attend in line with public health advice because they are self-isolating and have had symptoms or a positive test result themselves, or because they are a close contact of someone who has coronavirus (COVID-19). If your child is unable to attend school for this reason, you should contact school and advice will be given about how to access remote/home learning. A small number of children may not be able to

attend school because they are following clinical or public health advice. Please contact us directly to discuss this.

### **Wrap Around Care before and after school**

Shelly Tait continues to provide wrap around care before and after school. This is for children in our school only. Please contact Shelly directly by email: [shellyschildminding7@gmail.com](mailto:shellyschildminding7@gmail.com) to enquire about a place. Little Learners Nursery in Scorton village also provides wrap around care before and after school. Please contact them directly to enquire about a place.

[www.littlelearnersnurserycentre.co.uk](http://www.littlelearnersnurserycentre.co.uk)

### **School Clubs**

We recognise the importance of our school clubs to enrich children's school life and experiences and we aim to continue to run these. These will follow our risk assessment guidelines. For the 3 weeks up to Easter the following Clubs are available and places should be booked on Parent Pay. These will start on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Monday	Class 3 Cricket 3.30pm- 4.15pm
Tuesday	Year 1/2 Multiskills 3.15pm – 4pm
Tuesday	Class 4 Cricket 3.30pm – 4.15pm

### **Supporting our children and families on their return to school**

We do not underestimate how difficult home schooling has been for everyone and we recognise the need to focus on pupils' emotional wellbeing as well as their return to learning. Our teachers will continue to communicate with you regularly and to meet the individual needs of your child with the same care and concern they have always done. A broad and balanced curriculum will continue to be taught and children's individual learning needs will be met. Teachers have new and exciting learning topics and activities planned for our children and are looking forward to getting started.

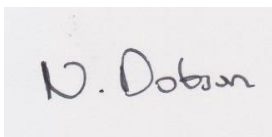
**I hope that these arrangements provide you with the information you need to support your child's return to school next week.**

**Further government information for parents and carers can be found on the link:**

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm\\_source=2%20September%202020%20C19&utm\\_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm\\_campaign=DfE%20C19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm_source=2%20September%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19)

**If you have any unanswered questions or any queries at all, please email me directly: [headteacher@bolton-on-swale.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@bolton-on-swale.n-yorks.sch.uk).**

With my very best wishes,



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