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Dear Parents,

Next Monday, 8th March, we will welcome back all children to school. It is vital all children attend to minimise the impact of the pandemic on their education, wellbeing and wider development. I'm sure many of you will have enjoyed Home Learning but will also be relieved that it is over!

We will return to the routines we had in place in September. The children will be taught in their classes and these will operate as 'bubbles' with the children sitting next to each other in class and at lunch. There will be times when adults will wear masks and visors, which has become a familiar sight for them over the last few months.

These **bubbles** will socially distance from other bubbles. So classes will have staggered break and lunchtimes to avoid unnecessary contact and assemblies will be held in class. It would be helpful that when outside of school children do not mix with other bubbles but when this is not possible they stick with the same children in their social group. At school we will still have a regime of washing hands regularly, equipment and resources, deep cleaning rooms after use.

Please see the attached link for further information.

<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/what-parents-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-covid-19>

I want to add that if a parent has returned from a red list travel ban country, they should self-isolate. They should not drop off or collect their child from school.

Uniform - all children should wear school uniform and school shoes. Clothing should be washed and changed regularly through the week, and PE kits should be washed weekly.

Children should have their own **pencil cases**. This should contain coloured felt tip pens, pencils, rubbers, pencil sharpener, ruler, and a pack of black biro's for the older children.

Wrap around care- Breakfast and After School Care will be provided. We will not be able to operate this on a casual basis, e.g with last minute bookings. Therefore, if you know your child's requirements please confirm the week before. Breakfast Club will run from 7.45am and ASC will run till 5.20pm. Two sports clubs will be available. On a Wednesday Willow Class can join the multi skills club. **This will be free until Easter** as we will use the Sports Premium to pay for this. There will be a limited number of places and priority will be given to those who regularly attend clubs. Birch Class can access a sports club, dodgeball/target games on Thursdays too and this will be free till Easter. Please email or phone the office this week and we will confirm if your child has a place.

School lunches - pick and mix as well a hot dinner will be available.

Arrival times. We will continue to stagger the start times of the school day and departure will take a little longer at 3.20pm.

Start times -From next Monday, Birch Class should arrive at 8.40am. Willow at 8.45, Oak and Lime at 8.50 arriving at the playground gate in the usual way. Departure at 3.20pm will be as normal. We will open the gate when ready and parents should socially distance in the car park please.

The following has been taken from the document mentioned above.

Actions you should take

Do not send your child to their nursery, childminder, school or college if:

- they are showing one or more coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms
- someone in their household is showing symptoms
- someone in their support bubble has symptoms and they have been in close contact with them since the symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started
- they or someone in their household has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)
- they are required to quarantine having recently visited a red list travel ban country

Book a test if you or your child develop symptoms. Inform your nursery, childminder, school or college of the results.

We know that returning to school will be daunting for some and your child maybe feeling anxious. If you need to speak to a member of staff please let the office know. We will be planning boosters/extra support and your child may say they had extra lessons with their teacher. This is nothing to worry about.

We are looking forward to having everyone back.

Kind regards,
Mrs Harkin
Head teacher

