



Spring Grove Primary School

Tuesday 2nd March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming all of the children back to school on Monday 8th March. Please refer below for details of arrangements.

Attendance

The government have made it mandatory for all pupils to attend school and the usual attendance expectations will apply and be enforced. Children will be expected to be in school, at their allocated time from 8th March. A valid reason must be given for non-attendance otherwise the attendance cannot be authorised.

In case of illness

If your child or anyone in your household is experiencing coronavirus symptoms then your child should not be sent to school and the symptomatic person should be tested for Covid-19. If a pupil or staff member working with pupils tests positive for Covid-19 then the rest of the pupil bubble will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 day (as will any staff members who looked after them whilst they were symptomatic).

Staggered Start and Finish Times

- It is necessary to stagger the start and finish times of the school day as it will help keep groups apart on the way to school and as they arrive and leave the premises.
- Both entrances to school will be open and children are asked to leave through the same gate that they entered.
- We will continue to mark out the direction of travel and also encourage social distancing by spot marking.
- If there are siblings across both key stages then children within the same family can come into school at the earlier time and head to their classroom.

Year Group	Staggered start time	Staggered finish time
Nursery	8.45am	11.45am (15 hours) 2.45pm (30 hours)
Reception	8.55am	3pm
Years 1 and 2	8.30-8.40am	3pm
Years 3 and 4	8.45-8.55am	3.10pm
Years 5 and 6	8.45-8.55am	3.20pm

School Contact

- Please either email or phone if a discussion is required with the teacher or office staff. No face to face meetings will be offered at the current time.

- Parents are not permitted to enter the school building.
- At drop-off times parents are asked to say goodbye to their child at the school gate and not enter the grounds.
- At pick-up times parents may enter the school grounds and are reminded to maintain a safe distance from each other. Once children have been collected, families are asked to leave the premises immediately.

Face Coverings

- In line with government guidance children under the age of 11 are not required to wear a face covering in school.
- If your child has been wearing a face covering before arriving at school it will need to be removed before entering the school site. Any temporary face coverings must be disposed of in the lidded bins located at both entrances to school, or reusable face coverings should be put in a bag that the children can take home with them.
- All adults and children over the age of 11 entering the school grounds must wear a face covering unless exempt.

Handwashing

Robust hand hygiene continues to be essential to help stop the spread of Covid-19. Everyone entering the school building is expected to wash their hands with soap and water or hand sanitiser.

Uniform

- Children should wear school uniform, including black school shoes.
- Boots are not permitted neither are trainers other than as part of the PE kit.
- We are aware that due to the closure of shops it will have been tricky to purchase new uniform and we accept that some children may not have all the correct items of uniform immediately.

Lunchtime

The school kitchen will be open and school meals and universal infant free school meals will be available for those who are eligible.

Children from Reception to Year 6 will eat lunch in the dining hall. Sittings will be staggered and Bubbles kept apart from each other at safe distance should there be any cross over whilst children are finishing eating.

Nursery children will eat their lunch in the Wonder Room (also known as our Music Room).

Equipment

- Class based resources will be shared within the classroom and cleaned thoroughly after use. Resources shared between classes will be cleaned frequently between bubbles or isolated for a period of 48 hours and left unused.
- Children can bring in pencil cases to school and their school bag.
- On PE days, children should attend school wearing their PE kit.
- Children will be allowed to bring home a reading book.



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Bubble Groups

Children will be grouped in Key Stage Bubbles and will be taught in their own classroom.

Bubble Group	Class
Early Years	Nursery – Inkpen Reception - Mckee
KS1	Year 1 – Donaldson Year 2 - Grey
Lower KS2	Year 3 – Zephaniah Year 4 – Horowitz Year 4 - Rauf
Upper KS2	Year 5 – Rundell Year 6 - Tan

Staffing

- All classes will be taught by their regular teacher and support staff.
- Some staff members are shielding and they will teach remotely to the children in class whilst the class are supervised by support staff.

Curriculum

- The curriculum offered to our pupils will continue to be broad and ambitious.
- We will offer the full range of subjects and are looking forward to teaching an exciting and creative curriculum.
- Gaps in learning will be identified early on through a range of informal assessments and teacher observations. Interventions and small group support/ after school sessions will be introduced as soon as possible to support the children in their learning.
- Homework will be an online remote offer using Google Classroom.

After School Provision – Sunshine Club

- After school provision will start after the Easter holiday - a booking form will be sent to current Sunshine Club users.
- Breakfast Club provision will depend on demand for it – 10 or more children will be needed otherwise it is not viable to run.

We look forward to seeing all of the children on Monday 8th March at their appropriate start time. We have some lovely activities planned to help them settle back into their school routine. Thank you to all of you for the tremendous efforts that you have made to support the children during the period of home schooling – we know that it has at times been challenging!

Yours sincerely,

Susan Colley
Headteacher