

3 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carers

We are so excited for the return of children on Monday 8 March. We have missed the children so much and we know all our staff are looking forward to teaching the children in a classroom again. However, we are at the first stage of the Prime Minister's road map out of lockdown, and we still need to have extra precautions, especially as all staff and children haven't been vaccinated, and the spread of Coronavirus is still possible. Please find below our plans for welcoming you back.

### **Drop of and Collection**

We have staggered the start and end times of the day to ensure every child and parent can follow social distancing guidelines. The start and end times are below:

- F2 children will start at 8:30am and will be collected at 2:40pm
- KS1 children will start at 8:40am and will be collected at 2:50pm
- KS2 children will start at 8:50am and will be collected at 3:00pm.

Families that have siblings across separate key stages need to drop off at the earliest time and collect at the latest times. E.g. If you have a child in Y1 and Y4, you need to drop all of the children off at 8:40am and collect them all at 3pm. We will once again be encouraging the following:

- Only one parent on the yard at any time.
- Parents need to stay away from the classroom doors and stand in zoned areas.
- We had several complaints in the Autumn term of parents congregating around the gates and smoking. All parents must make sure they do not stand around the gates at the start and end of the day.
- All parents must wear a face mask or show an exemption card/lanyard/badge if exempt.
- Please arrive at the times above. **Please don't be early** for collection or drop off as it means you waiting on the playground longer and does not support social distancing.

### **Uniform**

We are expecting all children to wear school uniform when we return. If parents have any concerns or worries, please contact Mrs Stevens, or myself and we can talk to you about your concerns.

Children will need to come to school wearing suitable outdoor clothes including trainers for PE.

The dates and year groups are below:

Thursday starting 11 March – F1/F2/1/Y2/Y5/Y6

Friday starting 12 March – Y3/4

### **Equipment in school**

We want to confirm with parents what items are and are not allowed in school. Children are allowed to bring into school the following items:

- Water bottles
- Packed Lunch (unless having a school meal)
- Coats

All other items are not allowed into school, this includes, mobile phones, stationary and toys. We would like you to still bring in and take-home reading books. When sending your child into school with a book, we will quarantine it for 72 hours. We will then send new reading books home with your child.

### **Hygiene**

We will continue to encourage all children to wash their hands frequently throughout the day. This will also mean that whenever they enter the building, we would encourage them to clean their hands. Desks in classrooms will continue to be forward facing so children aren't sat in large groups.

### **Positive Cases**

If there is a positive case in school, we will close the bubbles as normal. If your child needs to isolate due to being in close contact with a positive case, remote learning will continue to be on the website for them to access. We would expect that work would be uploaded on a daily basis and staff will be monitoring if children aren't engaging. You can find our remote learning at the following link

<https://coleridgeprimary.org/school-closure-work/>

### **Attendance**

The government has stated that attendance is mandatory, and all children need to be in school. We have recently seen a rise in holiday requests. Unfortunately, as it is illegal to currently travel abroad, we cannot authorise these requests and going on holiday may lead to a fine or even your child/ren losing their place at Coleridge School.

### **Returning laptops and reading books**

We are so pleased with the number of children accessing remote learning. We have over 50 iPads and laptops that are currently out on loan. On Monday, could all parents that have loaned a laptop please bring them to the office and sign the loan agreement sheets. Please maintain social distancing whilst waiting to speak to a member of staff in the office, and queue outside of the main doors.

For the children in KS2, who also took home their novels, please make sure these are returned, so that you can continue reading them in class.

Finally, we cannot wait to see you and your children on Monday. You have been remarkable over the past 7 weeks and our children are in such a positive position to return to school due to your hard work and effort. You have been amazing and we cannot thank you enough for all your support.

As always, if any parents have any questions about our return to school, please contact me on 01709 828988.

Take care



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