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Spring Term 21 Update Number 7

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term and what will be the return of some kind of normality at least! The staff are looking forward to seeing all the children back in school on Monday 8th March following the Prime Minister's announcements this week. A social story to share with children about returning to school is attached to this letter.

The guidance for schools remains virtually unchanged for primary schools. We are advised that attendance is mandatory for all pupils, but that the same rules around self-isolation apply to positive cases i.e. if there is a positive case in the family where the child is a direct contact, then they must not attend school. Remote learning will be made available for any pupils that are self-isolating. Please continue to keep us informed of non-attendance in the same way you normally would, with a phone call to the school office.

In addition, staff will continue to test twice weekly as they have been doing for the last few weeks. Children will remain in year group bubbles with limited movement around the school, as was the case last term. Staggered starts will be in operation once again and we ask all parents to abide by the one-way system as is now usual. Please do not linger on the school site at the beginning or end of the day and we encourage junior children to walk themselves through the High Street gate and round to the playground. Staff are on duty at all gates and on the playground. Remember that siblings can be met mid-site at the lamp post at the end of the day and also walk themselves through to the juniors from that point in the mornings if preferred.

Timings will be as follows: -

- FS1 (Nursery) 8.45- 3.15** Shrubbery Lane entrance and exit
- FS2 (Reception) 8.50 – 3.00** Portland Road gates entrance and Shrubbery Lane exit
- Y1 8.45 – 2.55** Portland Road gates entrance and Shrubbery Lane exit
- Y2 8.40 – 2.50** Portland Road gates entrance and Shrubbery Lane exit
- Y3 8.50 – 3.10** High Street entrance and Victoria Road exit (or meet at lamp post mid-site)
- Y4 8.40 – 3.00** High Street entrance and Victoria Road exit (or meet at lamp post mid-site)
- Y5 8.55 – 3.15** High Street entrance and Victoria Road exit (or meet at lamp post mid-site)
- Y6 8.45- 3.05** High Street entrance and Victoria Road exit (or meet at lamp post mid-site)

Packed lunches are available for all FS2-Y2 children under the universal infant free school meals scheme as well as those in receipt of free school meals Y3-Y6. We are still unable to provide hot lunches at this time. Orders are set up and ready now – **all lunches for Monday 8th March week must be ordered by Monday 1st March.** Please phone the school office if you have a problem ordering on-line.

Breakfast club and the after school Hub club will operate as normal from Monday 8th March and bookings must be made and paid for in the usual way.

School uniform must be worn to school as usual and the new PE uniform should be worn on PE days please. We have the remaining PE hooded tops in school for children to collect on their first day back. Black shorts and joggers/tracksuit bottoms only please.

We are about to go out and deliver the week 3 writing prizes this morning – well done all children that have taken part in this completion so far. Next week's theme is about world book day so look out for that on Monday! Once the children are back in school, we will continue with weekly writing competitions and prizes.

One more week of home learning to go! Enjoy your weekend and stay safe.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs W. Roberts
Head of Federation