



## Newsletter for 8<sup>th</sup>. March return to school

School re-opens to all pupils on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

We have been working hard following the revised Government guidance to ensure school is ready to safely welcome back all children.

Thank you for your continued support to help us keep the whole school community as safe as possible by maintaining social distancing at all times and always wearing a face covering on the school premises.

**PLEASE READ THIS NEWSLETTER CAREFULLY AS IT CONTAINS A LOT OF IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT HOW WE WILL OPERATE FROM 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH.**

The Government guidance for schools indicates that our Essential measures continue to be:

- a requirement that people who are ill stay at home
- robust hand and respiratory hygiene
- enhanced cleaning arrangements
- active engagement with NHS Test and Trace
- formal consideration of how to reduce contacts and maximise distancing between those in school wherever possible and minimise potential for contamination so far as is reasonably practicable.

**We have included all these measures within our COVID risk assessments and ask you support us with these measures to keep our school and community COVID free.**

Our Risk assessments are available on the school website. Please familiarise yourself with these as some of our processes and procedures have changed. Please note risk assessments and processes will be updated as required in line with the guidance we receive.

### Symptoms/potential cases of COVID-19:

**It is ESSENTIAL that any child, staff member or person who is feeling unwell MUST NOT come into school.**

If your child (or member of the household) displays any of the recognised symptoms of COVID-19 they should not be sent to school and you should arrange a test as soon as possible. We cannot stress enough how important this is to protect our whole community. If in doubt get a test, do not take a chance.

- **New persistent cough**
- **High temperature**
- **Loss of taste or smell**

If a child exhibits these symptoms in school, they will be immediately isolated, and you will be contacted to come and collect your child. We will expect that a test will be arranged to confirm the symptoms.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

## Start & End of School Day

You **MUST** come at your allotted time to help us maintain social distancing. One adult per child please.

Please keep 2 metres apart when dropping off and picking up from school.

Always wear a face covering when entering the school premises.

Year Group	Start Time	Finish Time	Drop off & Pick up from
Reception	8.50am	3.00pm	Key Stage 1 Playground
Year 1	9.00am	3.10pm	Classroom doors
Year 2	8.50am	3.00pm	Classroom doors
Year 3	8.55am	3.05pm	Classroom doors
Year 4	8.50am	3.00pm	ASDA gates
Year 5	9.00am	3.10pm	ASDA gates
Year 6	8.50am	3.00pm	Y6 front gates

### Attendance

Attendance at school becomes statutory again from 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 meaning ALL children must attend school every day. Our usual attendance procedures will be applied.

Please contact the office on the first day of absence by 9.00a.m. to inform us of the reason for your child's absence.

### Walking Home

Year 6 pupils will be allowed to walk to and from school on their own if this is something parents want their child to do.

In order for us to safeguard our pupils we **must** have written permission if you wish your child to walk home alone. Please email [admin@whinfield.net](mailto:admin@whinfield.net)

Mobile Phones are not routinely allowed in school. However, if your child is walking home alone they are permitted to bring a mobile phone to school. It will be locked in a phone locker as they enter school and collected on the way out of school.

### What your child needs to bring to school with them

- Coat
- Water Bottle
- Packed Lunch if needed
- Glasses if worn
- Sun hat if weather hot

Reception pupils only change of clothes if required and pair of wellies to leave in school.

**Please only send essential items to school**

**Normal uniform to be worn by all children.**

### Book Bags

Book bags are not needed in school for the first few weeks.

Once the children are settled back into daily routines we will inform you when book bags can be brought to school.

Please return any reading books you have at home.

### Packed Lunch

If your child brings a packed lunch, please send this in a clearly **named** lunch box.

Lunch will be eaten in the school hall.

### Water Bottles

Every child must bring a **named** water bottle for drinking fresh water throughout the day

### PE Lessons

We will continue to allow all children to come to school on their PE day wearing their outdoor PE kit - they will therefore not wear their school uniform that day. This will reduce the need for changing and storing PE bags in school.

Please ensure your child has an outdoor kit: Black jogging bottoms, sweatshirt or track suit, red PE T-shirt, and trainers.

PE takes place twice each week.

Year Group	Class	PE Days - Kit to be worn to school.	
Reception	All Classes	Wednesday	
Year 1	1D-Miss Dunn	Monday	Tuesday
	1M-Mrs Murphy	Tuesday	Thursday
	1G - Miss Green	Monday	Thursday
Year 2	2A-Mrs Airey	Wednesday	Thursday
	2G-Miss Graham	Monday	Tuesday
	2HP-Mrs Hall/ Mrs Paterson	Monday	Tuesday
Year 3	3V-Mrs Vinton	Tuesday	Friday
	3WH-Mrs Walker Hodgson	Thursday	Friday
	3O-Mrs O'Callaghan	Tuesday	Thursday
Year 4	4S-Mrs Souter	Wednesday	Friday
	4ND-Mrs Dunn	Tuesday	Friday
	4D-Mr Douglas	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 5	5L-Mr Legg	Wednesday	Friday
	5R-Mrs Richardson	Monday	Wednesday
	5B-Mrs Barker Jones / Mrs Bowe	Monday	Friday
Year 6	6B-Mrs Boulton	Thursday	Friday
	6C-Mrs Close	Monday	Friday
	6W-Miss Watkins	Monday	Thursday

### Childcare

Childcare will start from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Please book via School Gateway 7 days in advance.

### PE Bags

PE bags are not needed in school as the children will wear their PE kit on the days they have PE.

### Bikes & Scooters

We appreciate many pupils like to ride bikes and scooters to school. **However, please Do Not bring them until further notice.**

### Fruit

Fruit will be provided as normal for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 through the Government fruit scheme.

Key Stage 2 pupils can each bring a piece of fruit for break time if they wish to do so.