

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021



**Exeter**  
a learning community

## Return to school – March 8<sup>th</sup> 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the government's announcement on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021, we are absolutely delighted to be opening our doors once again to **all** children.

From **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021** school will be open once again to **all year groups**. In line with the latest government guidelines, we will continue to observe certain control measures in school. These will be as follows:

- Staggered start and finish times (information to follow)
- Regular hand washing intervals
- Personalised stationery not shared with others
- Classrooms set out to adhere to suggested social distancing
- No gatherings such as assemblies
- Staggered break and lunch times within classes/year groups
- Regular washing of equipment, resources
- Extra cleaning teams to clean classrooms main school areas throughout the day
- Gloves, masks, and aprons available when administering first aid
- Controlling of visitors to school
- Engagement with NHS and PHE in Track and Trace procedures.

### Behaviour and routines

On their return to school, children will be reminded of the routines and expectations that are in place to keep everyone safe. This will include staying within their 'bubble class/year group' and hygiene expectations. We will make reasonable adjustments to support all pupils in managing and getting used to these expectations. However, those who deliberately do not follow the expectations or endanger the safety of others through their actions will be subject to an individual risk assessment. This may mean restrictions being placed on their activities through the school day or that they are unable to continue to attend school until it is safe for them to return.

### Equipment

- Children are to come to school in their school uniform. To avoid additional bags coming into school we ask that on PE days the children come to school dressed in their P.E kit. Please see the list of PE days for each class / year group at the end of this letter.
- Children will be allowed to bring bags into school but we ask that they do so only if necessary.
- Children will need to bring their own water bottles (named) and lunch box if they are bringing lunch in from home.
- Children will be provided with their own stationery set.
- Children will be allowed to bring home reading books.



## **Lunches and snacks**

Our catering company Kingswood Catering will be offering hot and cold lunches. Please book your child's lunch by the Wednesday the week before via their website [www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk](http://www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk). If your child is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 they are entitled to a free school meal, but this must still be booked in advance. The Government School Fruit and Vegetable scheme will resume for children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Children in these year groups will be provided with a fruit or vegetable snack every day. Children in Years 3-6 are encouraged to bring in a snack from home.

**Please note that we only allow fruit/vegetable snacks.**

The Government Nursery Milk Scheme will also resume for all children under 5.

## **Parental Queries**

To reduce the amount of traffic within school and to ensure the safety of reception staff, we kindly ask that you only come to the school office in the event of an emergency. Please telephone or e-mail school if you have questions or concerns. (01536 204765 or [info@exeteralc.com](mailto:info@exeteralc.com))

## **Wrap around care**

Our wrap around care (Breakfast and Teatime Club) remains open. Staff will organise activities in line with the school control measures.

Parents of children who accessed wrap around care prior to lockdown should book their child's place via the Gateway App, as they did before the lockdown.

Please contact the school should you be interested in wrap around care.

## **Attendance**

The Government have outlined the importance of getting all children back into school and back to learning. With this in mind we will continue to closely following our attendance policy (available on the website) and would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of the following procedures if your child is not going to be in school. Please contact the school office by 9 am on the day of absence. Where contact has not been made with school by parents, the school office will call all the contacts we hold on file. Should we not receive a response, school will conduct a home visit as per our safeguarding procedures. If we are unable to make contact through these methods, we will follow up with additional visits, a referral to MASH or ask the police to complete a welfare check.

## **Safeguarding**

Safeguarding is and always we will be our number one priority in school and the wellbeing of our children, families and staff is of upmost importance, particularly during these different circumstances. If you have any concerns about a child's well-being, then please contact the school as a matter of urgency.

## **Safety outside the school gate**

Can we please ask parents where it is possible to walk your child/ren to school. If you need to use a car, please park further away from the school gates and walk the last part. Cars and taxi's cannot drop off by the top gates due to the yellow zig zag lines – please drop off and turn around by the garages beyond the school gate. When walking, please stay on the pavement the whole time and look before crossing the road to the school gate, as cars do have right-of-way on the roads. We have noticed lately that an increasing number of children and parents walking down the middle of the road. Our number one priority is to keep everyone safe.



Thank you for your continued trust and support. If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Shotton  
Executive Head

Mrs Saunders  
Executive Head

**PE Days**

Year group / class	Days
Reception	Monday and Thursday
Year 1	Tuesday and Friday
Year 2	Wednesday and Friday
Nurture	Tuesday
Year 3	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 4	Tuesday and Friday
Year 5	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 6	Wednesday and Thursday
Potter	Tuesday and Wednesday

