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Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to welcoming all children back at school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. As I am sure you have heard, attendance will become mandatory again on their return. Using the latest government guidance and health and safety advice we have reviewed our risk assessment to make sure that we have everything in place to keep all our school community safe. The arrangements will be as follows:

### Classes

Children will continue to work in their class bubbles and will remain in these groups throughout the week. Although the guidance does allow for staff to work across different groups, we will keep this to a minimum. Where possible we are using the teachers and teaching assistants from your child's own year group in their bubble to limit the number of contacts. Some classes will have student teachers working alongside them and they will become part of their bubble. All staff in school are offered twice weekly lateral flow Covid tests to help to pick up asymptomatic cases.

### Dropping off and collecting children

We will continue to have staggered start and finish times to limit the number of adults on the school site at the same time. **To help with this, please ensure that only 1 adult drops off and picks up. Adults should wear face coverings when on the school site.** Staff will also wear face coverings at these times.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CAR PARK WILL BE CLOSED FOR PARENTS FROM 8.30am – 9.20am and 2.40pm - 3.20pm however minibuses will be dropping off and picking up children from Kelford School.**

This will allow us to have a one-way system for walking into school. Please make sure that your children stay with you at all times when they are on the school site and do not ride on bikes or scooters.

The start and finish times for each class are:

| Class/Teacher     | Time                               | Entrance/Collection Point |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Day care Donna    | At arranged time with Donna        | Day care entrance         |
| F1 Mrs Gerstel    | 8.45am -11.30am<br>12.30pm -3.15pm | Hall door                 |
| F2 Mrs Miller     | 9.10am -3.10pm                     | Hall door                 |
| Y1 Mrs Malin      | 8.50am -3.00 pm                    | Hall door                 |
| Y2 Miss Wilkinson | 8.40am-2.50 pm                     | Hall door                 |

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| Y3 Mrs Smith   | 9.10am -3.20pm | Gate next to Reception |
| Y4 Mrs Black   | 9.00am -3.15pm | Gate next to Reception |
| Y5 Mr Hartley  | 8.50am -3.10pm | Gate next to Reception |
| Y6 Mrs Edwards | 8.40am -3.05pm | Gate next to Reception |

If you have children in more than one of these groups, please **drop them off at the earliest time** and a member of staff will take them to their bubble. At home time you should **collect your children at the latest time**; they will be brought from the classrooms at this time.

**IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU ARRIVE AT SCHOOL AT THE CORRECT TIME TO ALLOW US TO KEEP CHILDREN APART. PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE TOO EARLY OR TOO LATE AND LEAVE THE SCHOOL SITE PROMPTLY ONCE YOU HAVE DROPPED OFF OR COLLECTED YOUR CHILD.**

### **Hygiene**

Every day there is an additional lunchtime clean of regularly used areas. Each classroom has cleaning equipment so that surfaces can be cleaned more often throughout the day. Children will be given their own resources (like pens and pencils) and we will follow the guidance on cleaning and sharing other resources. Equipment used in Foundation Stage will be cleaned after every group has used it. Both adults and children will be washing their hands regularly throughout the day and handwashing facilities and sanitiser will be available in all areas. Each group will have their own toilet area to use and again these will be cleaned regularly.

**To help with good hygiene we would like all children to bring their own labelled water bottle each day. Please note that this should contain water only.**

### **Classrooms**

Classrooms will continue to be organised in a way to support distancing where possible. This will include seating children side by side and facing forwards rather than in groups. Windows and doors will be open to allow ventilation. There will be no whole school assemblies to avoid groups of children coming together.

### **Break times**

Children will work and play outside as much as possible so please make sure they always have a coat and appropriate shoes. They will take their break times in their class bubbles and will not be able to mix with other groups. We will only use play equipment which can be easily cleaned and this will be washed between each group using it.

### **Lunchtimes**

All children will have lunch with their class bubble either in the hall, dining room or classroom. Tables and chairs will be cleaned before and after each group eat. Hot school dinners will be available as usual or children can bring their own packed lunch. Lunch supervisors will stay with a class bubble to reduce the number of adults they come into contact with. If your circumstances have changed and you think you may be eligible for free school meals you can visit <https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/benefits/apply-free-school-meals/1>

### **Uniform/PE Kit**

Children should come to school in their usual school uniform except for PE days when they should wear PE Kit of white T-shirts, dark bottoms and trainers (no football kits!) This is because changing for PE is not possible. Please make sure that children are wearing sensible shoes for outdoor play and a coat if it is cold as we will be

encouraging active outdoor learning as much as possible. Government guidance says that there is no need to do anything other than wash clothes in the normal way following a day at school. A message will be sent on Class Dojo to confirm PE days for each class.

### **What your child will need to bring**

Children are allowed to bring bags to school however they should only bring essential things such as lunch boxes, water bottles and their reading book. The latest guidance allows children to take books home and these will be quarantined when they return to school.

### **If your child is unwell**

If your child displays any symptoms linked to the virus –high temperature, a new persistent cough or loss of taste or smell **they should not come into school.** You would need to self-isolate as a family until you and your child can be tested. All children and their families would be eligible for testing if they become ill with Coronavirus symptoms. You should inform the school immediately of test results and engage with the track and trace system. If the test is negative they can return to school. If your child tests positive, you should follow the latest stay at home guidance.

If your child becomes unwell at school, you will be asked to come and collect them immediately. They will be kept separate from other children until you arrive and will be supervised by an adult who may wear some PPE.

### **Remote Learning**

If we have any positive Covid cases in school and bubbles need to isolate, remote learning will begin the following day using Class Dojo as we have been doing during lockdown.

### **Supporting the children in School**

We know that returning to school after another long break will be a change for the children and we will be doing everything we can to make sure that the school is still a welcoming and happy place. Staff are asked to keep a distance from children **where possible** but we will still reassure and support any one who is upset and provide first aid for anyone who is hurt.

Children will be supported to get back into their routines and learning at school and there will be a focus on everyone's wellbeing through assemblies, circle times and activities. If you do have any concerns about your child when they return to school please contact the class teacher through Class Dojo or by ringing the school.

### **Wrap around care**

Breakfast and Afterschool club will resume on 8<sup>th</sup> March; however places are limited in order for us to adhere to government guidelines. Parents who have already contacted school to register their child for these clubs have been allocated a place and will receive a separate letter reminding them of the arrangements. If you have not contacted school but require wrap around care then please contact the school office by phone or email as soon as possible.

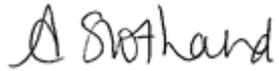
### **Adults in School**

Parents and carers are asked not to come into the school building without an appointment to limit the numbers of contacts between adults. Please contact the office by phone or email if you need to speak to someone and this will be arranged for you.

As you can see, many of the arrangements are still in place from September and will be much more familiar to us all this time. If you have any further questions please email [office@kcps.org.uk](mailto:office@kcps.org.uk)

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on Monday morning and thank you for your ongoing support with these measures to make our return to school as safe as possible.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Stothard'.

Miss Stothard  
Headteacher