

Dear Parents / Carers

I hope everyone has had the opportunity to enjoy some of the spring sunshine this weekend.

We are delighted to be able to fully open to **All** pupils from Monday 8th March. We can't wait to see you all and get back to some 'normality'. I know it has been a difficult time for some families and that the return to school for our children is welcome good news. I would like to offer my condolences to all those within our school community who have suffered a loss since the New Year. Hopefully there is now light at the end of the tunnel and we can look forward to a return to normality.

Our risk assessment has been reviewed and the same safety measures are in place as per the autumn term. Previous newsletters containing relevant information can be found on our website. Please find below some additional information with regard to returning 8th March:

## Face Masks

Primary school children are not expected or advised to wear face masks. We are however asking that **all adults wear a face mask when entering the school site.**

## School uniform

The children should wear their school uniform for non PE days as per the Autumn term. This consists of:

- red jumper or cardigan
  - white or red polo shirt or white shirt/blouse
  - grey or black skirt/ trousers / shorts (Leggings are not allowed)
  - red checked dress (summer)
- Plain black leather or leather style shoes which can be polished.

## PE Days

We have found it much more practical to have the children come to school dressed for PE and I know a number of parents have also preferred this arrangement. Can I remind everyone that we still expect the children to wear their 'PE uniform' on PE days and this should consist of:

- Plain black / navy bottoms (no logos)
- a plain white T shirt
- a red school jumper or grey PE hoodie.
- Trainers

PE days are as follows:

EYFS:	Wednesday (Forest School) & Thursday (PE)
Rainbow:	Tuesday & Wednesday
Moonlight:	Monday & Tuesday
Starlight:	Monday & Tuesday
Galaxy:	Tuesday & Friday
Armstrong:	Tuesday & Thursday
Apollo:	Tuesday & Thursday
Year 5:	Wednesday & Friday
Year 6:	Tuesday & Friday

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## School drop off / pick up

### Entry to school

Please try to arrive at your allotted time slot to ensure social distancing. If you arrive slightly earlier please feel free to enter the school site and allow your child to enter the building via their allotted gate should social distancing allow.

### Staggered start time:

Time	EYFS door	Quad	Top door near York Terrace exit	Discovery classroom door via yard
8:40- 8:50 am	EYFS	Starlight	Galaxy	
8:50 - 8:55am		Moonlight & Rainbow	Armstrong & Apollo	
8:55am - 9am		NASA / Lunar	Mission	Discovery

If you have a child starting later than a sibling **please bring both children for the earlier time.**

**Starlight , Galaxy and EYFS all start teaching at 8:50am** so it is important that children are on time.

### Staggered finish time:

Can we ask that adults do not wait on the school site. Please only enter for your allocated time and we will do our best to ensure the children leave promptly at the correct time. This will allow for a continual flow of parents and enable social distancing.

Time	EYFS door	Quad	Top door near York Terrace exit	Discovery classroom door via yard
3pm	Sunshine & Sunbeam			
3:10pm	Moonlight & Starlight	Rainbow		
3:15pm		Galaxy, Armstrong	Apollo	
3:20pm	Lunar	NASA	Mission	Discovery

### Equipment

- Bags can be brought to school but should only contain essential items.
- Children need to bring their **own water bottle**. We are not allowed to provide drinking cups and water at lunchtime as per usual, so it is vital that each child comes with their own water bottle. Staff will be able to refill water bottles using a jug during the day.
- If possible, their own liquid soap to use to wash hands in the classroom.

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## Parking

Can I please ask parents to park responsibly around the school site. We recognise the area is busy but the staggered start time should help with this.

## Scooters & bikes

To ensure the safety of all pedestrians on the school site can we please ask that children push their scooter / bike on and off the premises. Thank you for your support with this.

## Remote Learning Survey

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the home learning survey. Your feedback was very useful and your positivity much appreciated. Thank you.

## World Book Day - Thursday 4th March

We will be celebrating World Book Day on 4th March but have taken the decision to have a non-uniform day on **Thursday 11th March** to celebrate World Book Day as a whole school. We appreciate that this is quite short notice and recognise the difficulty around organising a costume at such short notice due to the ongoing Lockdown. We hope some children may be able to re-wear costumes, use costumes already purchased or come in their pyjamas / non-uniform.

## Reading Books

We want to get home reading prioritised upon return. Can you please return books sent home during lockdown so we have sufficient reading books for the children. Quarantine boxes will be available at the gates for all returning books.

## Lunches

We will assume your child will be following the same arrangement for lunch as the autumn term. If this is different, then can you please let the office know.

## Parent Pay

Could we ask that you check your Parent Pay account as we have a number of outstanding debts from the autumn term for both breakfast club and school dinners. Thank you.

We look forward to seeing you all next week.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'A Brinton'.

**Mrs A Brinton**

**Headteacher**

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