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VIEWLEY HILL NEWSLETTER

Preparing for full re-opening: Monday 8th March

I am delighted that we are able to welcome back our whole school community on **Monday 8th March**.

Since the partial closure of school in January, it has been a very challenging time for everyone, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for all your hard work and effort during this time.

This newsletter will provide you with information you need about all children returning. The information will also be added to the school website and shared through seesaw and facebook too.

If however you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at school. We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

I am very much looking forward to seeing you all on Monday 8th March.

Best Wishes

Mrs K Barkley

THE SCHOOL DAY: START AND FINISH TIMES

Please see below the school day times.

Year Group	Arrival	Dismissal
Morning Nursery Afternoon Nursery	8.30am—8.40am 12.15pm (KS1 gate)	11.20-11.30am 3.05pm (KS1 gate)
Reception	8.40-9am	2.45pm
Key Stage 1 (Y1 & Y2)	8.40-9am	Mrs Gardiner: 2.50pm Miss Sheard: 2.55pm Miss Shadforth: 3pm
Key Stage 2 (Y3—Y6)	8.40-8.50am	Y3& 4: 3pm Y5&6: 3.10pm Children who walk home alone will go at the same time as those who are collected.

Times remain staggered as a protective measure in order to support community safety through social distancing and government guidance.

If you need to collect more than one child, we encourage you to come at the latest collection time to avoid you having to wait more than necessary.

If you are on site please follow the one way system and maintain social distance by waiting on the spots on the ground. Young children must stay with their parents at all times.

We also ask that, for the safety of everyone, you do not congregate outside of the school gates.

ATTENDANCE

It is expected that ALL children return to school on Monday 8th March, unless your child is shielding as they are classed as extremely clinically vulnerable.

Whilst I appreciate that some families may be wary about returning, the DfE are clear that this is not a reason for children not to attend school. If you or your child are anxious please contact school and we will can discuss this with you.

Remote learning will only be offered if children need to isolate due to a Covid diagnosis or a bubble closure in school.

PUPIL SAFETY

If your child has any new allergies or medical needs, please advise the office staff as soon as possible so that we can arrange to discuss them with you, and ensure that appropriate care and provisions are in place for your child.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club will continue to be offered for the children of key workers or those who are vulnerable and supported by social care. Please contact school if from March 8th, you would like your child to attend.

BOOK BAGS

Your child should bring their book bag with them to school on Monday and Thursday.

Children will be given a book at the beginning of the week, to be returned on Thursdays.

If you do not have a book bag, and would like to buy one, please contact the school office.

PPE AND MASKS

Primary children in school do not need to wear masks, as is stated in government guidance.

Staff will wear masks when needed to support social distancing, but not whilst teaching the whole class.

Staff carrying out any clinical or intimate care, or who are supporting child safety are provided with PPE and will wear it to carry out these duties.

SITE RULES

If you do need to come onto the school site, the rules are as follows:



THE SCHOOL DAY

The children will stay in their class bubbles as they did in the autumn term.

In the 3 weeks leading up to Easter we will work on re-establishing school routines and expectations, and support pupils academically and socially in their return to whole school life. Teachers will focus on the key skills children need within their year group in order to assess pupils' current understanding and support future learning.

As the path out of lockdown is relaxed, we will review bubbles as appropriate., providing more opportunities for children to mix when it is safe to do so.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

All children **MUST** be in school uniform every day.

As a reminder the uniform policy is as follows:

Red jumper

White polo shirt

Grey / black trousers / skirts

Black shoes or trainers

PE KIT

Children should bring their PE to school in a bag.

You will get a message from your child's teacher about their PE days, and these will also be added to the website for your information.

PARENTS ON SITE

Parents should only come onto site to bring and collect their child, if they need to. Children should be encouraged to come through the school gates on their own if they can.

We are committed to supporting you and your families and ask that communication is via phone or email where possible. **Please do not come into the school office unless for a pre-arranged appointment.**

We will be on the gate every day for any short conversation or questions. We are more than happy to arrange to ring you if you wish to discuss anything in detail.