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Dear Parents/Carers

On Monday, the Prime Minister announced that all schools will re-open on March 8th. Due to the small size of our schools, and the availability of our staff members, we will be able to welcome all year groups back on this date. We look forward to seeing the children return as we begin our catch-up programme, which will continue throughout the summer term.

We are fortunate that, as a small school, we can operate as a big bubble, but where possible, classes will operate in class bubbles, learning, playing and eating together. **This means that we will operate as we did in the Autumn term.** We will continue to reinforce regular handwashing and encourage social distancing, though we appreciate that this may not be possible with our younger children. We will continue to operate a staggered start and finish time each day, alongside our one-way system when collecting children from the school and we will send you our updated risk assessments next week.

Below are a few reminders and considerations:

1. Ideally, all children must attend school wearing full school uniform. We recognise that some parents may struggle to purchase new uniform or shoes before March 8th so please be reassured that we understand that there may be a transition period whilst you wait for it to arrive. It's much more important to us that your child/ren attend rather than what they wear.
2. On P.E. days, children will attend school in their P.E. kit and remain in their kit all day, rather than change. Your child's class teacher will tell you when this is.
3. School dinners will run as normal. Children only need to bring a packed lunch if they are not having a cooked lunch. All children can bring a water bottle which must be taken home, washed and refilled each day.
4. Book bags and rucksacks are welcome in school if they are needed but we ask that all other items such as pencil cases and toys are left at home. Please speak to your child's teacher if your child has any particular requirements.
5. We will be able to operate our wrap around care, in the form of breakfast club and after school club. Please email the school admin address to book in – admin.burton@wrfed.co.uk
6. After school clubs will begin as soon as possible after the Easter break. We will email you after Easter with more details.



7. Medical and dental appointments must be made outside of the school day, unless it is an emergency, to restrict the movement of children, staff and visitors across the school.
8. The staggered beginning and end of each day will continue, with the organisation the same as during the Autumn term.
9. Each class will hold a TEAMS question and answer meeting for the children who are learning at home before the 8th March to answer any questions that the children may have regarding their return to setting. Your child's class teacher will advise you of the date.
10. And finally, we are not able to offer childcare during the Easter or the May half-term break. We will consider summer holiday childcare once lockdown has eased and we are in a better position to assess the need in consultation with parents. We are also aware that there may be a number of government proposals regarding holiday education over the next few months and we believe that at this point, it's wise to respond to such proposals once they are shared by the government, rather than make promises now which may change as the months move forward.

Please note that the government have again withdrawn their directive that parents are able to choose to keep their child at home or send them to school. This is not something that any school in the country can overturn. This means that if you decide to keep your child at home, the normal protocols for addressing attendance will be adhered to, including issuing penalty fines to parents.

Again, as I shared in September, fining is a last resort situation and one that I am keen to avoid, particularly during such unprecedented times. I would rather sit and discuss any concerns about your child returning to school and work together to address them. If you do have concerns, please don't ignore them and allow for March 8th to come and go. Instead, contact the school using the above admin address. We are quick to respond to emails and we are happy to talk to you before we return to address your concerns thoroughly.

Yours sincerely



Suzanne MacDonald
Executive Headteacher