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Wednesday 24th February 2021.

Dear Parents,

Following the government announcement, I am delighted that the decision has been made that all children must now return to school on Monday 8th March. We are so proud of your children who have worked very hard at home and you must also be congratulated for all the support you have given them. We know that it has not been easy and has been a huge challenge for everyone.

I know that many of you will be anxious about returning. Therefore, I want to reassure you that we have followed all government guidance and remind you of the measures that were put into place to ensure that our school stays safe.

Testing

All staff are tested twice each week and to help us keep everyone as safe as possible, please also take your child for a test before they return to school on Monday 8th March. This will help us to keep bubbles open and children learning in school.

Hygiene and cleaning

- Classrooms have sinks and soap dispensers.
- Wall mounted hand sanitisers have been installed at the entrances to the building and in all classrooms.
- Hands will be cleaned more often with soap, water and hand sanitiser.
- Tissues and lidded bins have been provided in all classrooms to promote "**catch it, bin it, kill it**".
- Surfaces touched by children and staff are cleaned regularly and throughout the day by our cleaning staff.

Classes

- Each class will be part of a year group or phase bubble, where children and staff may mix and share resources (with social distancing encouraged).
- All children should come to school each day with a named water bottle.
- Children may take reading books home using a book bag to transport these to and from school.
- PE kits should be brought to school and will be stored in the classroom.
- All homework will be set via electronically (eg: Class Dojo, Microsoft Teams or Tapestry)

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We have been advised that we should continue with the staggered start and finish times which are outlined below.

Beginning of the school day

- The school gates will be open from 8.30am until 8.55am, with specific start times for each year group.
- Please ensure that you arrive to school on time.
- Only one family member may bring their child onto the school playground.
- Please remember to wear a mask and social distance from other parents.

Start time for each year group:

Year group	Gates open: Start of day	Gates open: End of day	Gate to use	Doors to use
Nursery	8.30	3.15	Nursery gate	Nursery gate
Reception	8.45	2.45	Tresham	Hall doors
Year 1	8.45	2.55	Tresham	Class entrance (1A/1C) and red toilet doors (1D/1B)
Sunshine Room	8.45	2.55	Tresham	Sunshine Room Door via playground entrance
Year 2	8.45	2.55	Lambourne	Red Sliding doors
Year 3	8.40	3.05	Lambourne	3C & 3B Red toilet doors 3A & 3D Red Sliding doors
Year 4	8.40	3.05	Lambourne	Red Sliding doors
Year 5	8.35	3.15	Tresham	Red sliding doors
Year 6	8.35	3.15	Tresham	Red sliding doors

End of the school day

- The school gates will be open from 2:45 until 3:15pm.
- There is **no late room provision** as this will result in children mixing in different bubbles.
- Please ensure you collect your children on time.
- Children not collected on time **will not** be able to attend our after school provision unless they have been booked in and paid.

Breakfast and After School Provision

- Children **must be booked in on-line and paid via parent pay by 12.00pm every Thursday** for the following week.
- For the first week only bookings must be made by **12.00pm on Wednesday 3rd March**.

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Unfortunately, parents will not be permitted onto the school site, except for drop-off and collection times. **The school office will remain closed.** If you need to contact the school, please send an email or telephone. If an appointment is needed this can be made via the school office and strict social distancing measures will be put into place.

World Book Day

So that we can all celebrate World Book Day together we will have a special celebration on **Wednesday 10th March**. Please remember you can be creative by designing your own costumes and do not need to buy one. We hope that this will make the first week back at school very exciting for the children.

These continue to be challenging times for us all and we must remember by following the government guidance and advice we may be able to come out of lockdown in June.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher by class dojo or contact the school office.

With very best wishes



Mrs Shepherd
Head Teacher