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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have much to share with you regarding the return to full attendance on the 8th of March. We have split communication into three shorter letters to prevent important information from being lost.

Information about the return to school falls under three categories:

- learning,
- **health and safety and**
- daily school management.

This letter is about the systems of controls that will be in place to minimise the potential transmission of COVID-19 in school when attendance returns to normal on 8th March.

In the main, health and safety measures will be the same as they were prior to the Christmas break. We've organised information against the 12 systems of control put in place by the Department of Education.

<p>The Department of Education directs schools to:</p>	
<p>1) Minimise contact with individuals who are required to self-isolate by ensuring they do not attend the school.</p>	<p>We will send regular reminders of coronavirus symptoms and ask all visitors not to enter the school site if they display one or more of the following:</p> <div data-bbox="669 1640 1372 1915" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;">  <p>HIGH TEMPERATURE NEW PERSISTENT COUGH LOSS OF SMELL LOSS OF TASTE</p> </div> <p>Please call and advise the school if this is the case and obtain a test as soon as possible.</p>

<p>2) Ensure face coverings are used in recommended circumstances.</p>	<p>Face coverings are not advised for children under 11 years old whilst in school. Where they may be necessary for school transport, we ask that children are taught to put them on and remove them by the ear loops, avoiding touching the front and bring a plastic bag or container to keep it in when not in use. They should not be kept in coat pockets.</p> <p>School staff have access to visors to prevent airborne transmission when using communal areas of school and working outside of their bubble. Face coverings and/or visors will be worn by all staff and visitors in communal areas of the school.</p> <p>They are not required when teaching their own class, but some staff may choose to wear them.</p> <p>We are requesting that all adults wear a face-covering on the school site during the school run. This is because, even with staggered times, there is the risk that people will come into close contact with one another.</p>
<p>3) Ensure everyone is advised to clean their hands thoroughly and more often than usual</p>	<p>Children will be shown a daily presentation to remind them of the importance of regular and effective hand washing, how to 'catch' a cough and sneeze using a tissue or the crook of their arm and the importance of space.</p>
<p>4) Ensure good respiratory hygiene for everyone by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.</p>	<p>An anti-bacterial gel is used regularly throughout doorways in school, whenever they enter the school building, following accidental touching of the face and before/after eating.</p> <p>Younger children will be supervised to ensure this is done properly.</p>
<p>5) Maintain enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents.</p>	<p>All classroom and bathroom surfaces and contact points (light switches/door handles) are wiped down with detergent spray at least three times a day and a thorough clean takes place at the end of each school day. This is monitored throughout the day.</p> <p>An additional clean of toilets and door handles takes place in the middle of the day by our cleaning contractors.</p> <p>A deep clean of school is booked to take place before children return.</p>
<p>6) Consider how to minimise contact across the site and maintain social distancing wherever possible.</p>	<p>Contact across the site is minimised through the use of bubbles. These do not mix at playtimes or at lunchtimes. Hot dinners are eaten in the hall, but lunchtime is staggered so that fewer children will be in the space. Tables are socially distanced and children will not come into close contact.</p> <p>Packed lunches will be eaten in classroom bubbles, or outside if the weather is nice.</p> <p>Children will be encouraged to maintain social distancing within their bubble where possible.</p> <p>Playspaces and equipment is not shared across bubbles.</p>
<p>7) Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.</p>	<p>Air in classrooms is replaced frequently by opening doors and windows. Children must wear school uniform, but this is relaxed to allow for extra layers if necessary. If it is really cold, children will be encouraged to wear their coats.</p>
<p>8) Ensure individuals wear the</p>	<p>All visitors to school are required to wear face coverings.</p>

<p>appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) where necessary.</p>	<p>Should a child develop coronavirus symptoms in school, parents will be called and all members of the family will isolate in a specially designated room, to await collection. The adult that waits with them must wear PPE: a visor, apron and gloves.</p> <p>PPE will also be worn by members of staff responsible for personal care, e.g. nappy changing.</p> <p>Parents are asked to wear a face-covering on the school site, even when outside. We have staggered start and pick up times, but a face covering will provide extra protection and avoid a return to a queueing 'one-in-one out' system.</p> <p>Staff will wear visors/face coverings in communal areas.</p>
<p>9) Promote and engage in asymptomatic testing, where available. Respond to any infection.</p>	<p>Primary aged children do not take part in asymptomatic testing. School staff test themselves twice weekly. Parents of school-aged children are eligible for free twice weekly tests. Parents, please see: https://www.gov.uk/government/news/all-households-with-children-of-school-aged-to-get-rapid-covid-19-tests-per-person-per-week for information on how to receive them.</p>
<p>10) Promote and engage with the NHS Test and Trace process.</p>	<p>We have QR codes around the building for parents to scan to support the Test and Trace process. We ask that families keep us informed of any coronavirus symptoms at home. Should we have a positive case, we will liaise with Public Health England who will advise us on our next steps.</p> <p>Should we need to close a bubble we will contact you as soon as possible. Please ensure your details are up to date in school.</p>
<p>11) Manage and report confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community.</p>	
<p>12) Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice.</p>	

All of these measures were in place before the January lockdown.

We will send another letter tomorrow detailing start and end times of the school day and daily school management.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to speak to your class teacher or contact me via email.

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Headteacher