



23rd February 2021

Dear Parents/ Carers,

You will have heard the fantastic news last night that all schools will re-open on Monday 8th March 2021. We are so relieved and excited to have the children back in school again as I'm sure you all are too. You have done a remarkable job managing these last 6 weeks and supporting your child brilliantly. Thank you for your time and patience. Over to us now to do what we love best-teaching your children!

The Government guidance remains the same so procedures are as they were in Autumn term. Following the partial closure in January, Lateral Flow Tests have been introduced for all staff which helps stop the transmission of Covid-19. I am pleased to say that we have had **no cases of Covid-19 in school since mid-January** and cases in Nottingham continue to decrease daily.

Here is a brief reminder of the procedures that will be in place.

Health and Safety measures:

- Children will enter school through a variety of entrances/exits to ensure social distancing measures are in place
- Every child and staff member will wash their hands with anti-bacterial handwash on entry, during the day and on exit from school
- Every child will have their own work pack with a pencil, rubber, ruler, whiteboard etc so they are not sharing resources
- Children will not mix across phases. Dinners and playtimes will be staggered.
- Additional hygienic cleaning will take place daily, with all desks and toilets being cleaned at lunchtimes.
- School will be open for longer to ensure staggered starts and support with the Catch-up learning programmes.

Entrances and Exits

F1, F2, Y1-Y4 children can be accompanied by **one parent** to their classroom door. Y5 and Y6 must enter school grounds **on their own**.

- EYFS via Castlefields
- KS1 via Kinglake Place
- Y3 and Y4 via park entrance
- Y5 and Y6 via tram entrance

Older siblings will be brought to younger siblings' classrooms as before at end of the day.

School Attendance:

Attendance is mandatory and procedures return back to normal. All children are expected to attend school everyday from Monday 8th March. No work via Purple mash will be set unless a child is self isolating. If your child is sick, please ring the school office as normal. Holidays are not permitted in school time.



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What to bring?

Children will wear full school uniform and bring PE kits on Mondays for the week. Please can they bring their own labelled water bottle to school. Bookbags must come into school daily as we will read with your child as often as we can.

Bedtimes routines:

It natural that children will have been going to bed later and rising earlier due to the change in circumstances. Please use the next week to establish good bed time routines so the children are rested and ready for the early start on Monday 8th March. Please remove all screens and mobile phones from bedrooms at night as is damaging for children's brains.

Catch-up Learning Programme:

We know that despite your very best efforts, children may have fallen behind during this period. It is normal and expected. If children are in school daily, our teachers will catch them up-please do not worry. I have employed additional teachers to support targeted child in their learning, Mr Unwin will return in LKS2 and Mrs McKeever will work in UKS2. There will be after school catch up learning clubs for targeted children also. Please make sure your child attends these clubs regularly to give them the very best chance to catch up their learning. As well as focusing on reading, writing and maths, we have many enrichment activities planned including music, art and some fun trips for every child in the summer term.

Reading at home:

Please read with your child 4 times a week to give them the very best chance to catch up. A lunchtime reading club will be led by class teachers each day.

Covid 19 symptoms:

If your child or anyone in your household is displaying symptoms, please do not send them to school and book a test. If negative, they can return to school immediately. If positive, please let school know and self isolate for 10 days.

It's been a long and tough year from 20th March 2020 to now for us all. One thing that has come out of this horrible time is how much closer we feel, as a staff, to our Meadows community. I have never felt prouder to lead our school and work with such wonderful children and an extremely dedicated staff team.

We will welcome the children with huge smiles and have exciting celebration plans for the end of June/July when all restrictions are lifted.

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

Warm regards,

Rebecca Gittins

Headteacher

