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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all who have worked tirelessly at home with the children during the last two months. You have done a great job! The good news is that the children are all now expected back on Monday 8th March and attendance is once more compulsory.

Over the next two weeks, pupils and parents will be contacted to gather any updated information including changes to contact information, medical needs and other needs which may have arisen due to the absence from school over the past two months.

When school re-opens to all pupils, all of the same safety measures and procedures will remain. Here are some helpful reminders to ensure you feel prepared for your child's/children's return to school.

Staggered Entry and Exit Procedures from 8th March 2021

Please adhere to the strict entry and exit times to minimise adult contact at entrances (see below). One parent only to bring and collect children please. This minimises congestion and helps to keep everyone safe. Please ensure that you line up at your designated drop off / collection point, following our one way markings on the floor and adhering to the social distancing guidelines where possible. Any pre-existing entry/exit arrangements will still apply; this includes dropping off and collecting siblings together.

Group	Entrance Time	Exit Time	Drop-off Point	Collection Point
FS	8.40am	3.20pm	Monteney	Monteney
Y1	8.35am	3.15pm	Monteney	Monteney
Y2	8.30am	3.10pm	Monteney	Monteney
Y3	8.25am	3.05pm	Well Lane	Well Lane
Y4	8.30am	3.10pm	Well Lane	Well Lane
Y5	8.35am	3.15pm	Well Lane	Well Lane
Y6	8.40am	3.20pm	Well Lane	Well Lane



Keeping Your Distance

Please wear a face covering when dropping off and collecting your child. If you wish to speak to a member of staff, a face covering and social distancing is required.

All adults and pupils within school will be expected and reminded to keep a 2 metre distance to ensure we keep everybody as safe as possible.

Hygiene Procedures

Handwashing and good hygiene will be reinforced, practised, demonstrated and reiterated many times.

Class Bubbles

Pupils in Y1-Y6 will continue to be in class bubbles and pupils in Foundation Stage will continue to be in a year group bubble. Bubbles will be kept apart from other groups where possible and older children should be encouraged to keep their distance within groups. We have taken steps to limit interaction, sharing of rooms and social spaces between groups as much as possible. Maintaining distinct "class bubbles" that do not mix makes it quicker and easier in the event of a positive case to identify those who may need to self-isolate, and keep that number as small as possible.

Uniform/PE Kits

School uniform should be worn unless it is a PE day. The teachers will upload a timetable to Class Dojos to remind you and the children about PE days in case you have forgotten.

PE kit includes tracksuits/leggings, warm jumper, trainers. Jewellery, other than a watch, should not be worn.

What does my child need to bring to school?

- Book bag containing your child's reading books on Mondays and Thursdays. Please note, reading books DO NOT need to be brought in every day, nor do book bags.
- NAMED x2 water bottles
- NAMED lunch box
- NAMED coat
- LABELLED inhalers/medication passed directly to a member of staff at your designated drop off point
- FS/Y1 - a change of clothes, labelled with your child's name (this can be left in school).

Your child DOES NOT need to bring any personal items e.g. pencil case, home learning, notebooks. Work packs will be provided in school for every child.

Catching up and Keeping up

Some of our staff have enrolled on the National Tutoring Programme which will allow the staff to work on a 1-1 or in a small group with pupils who we feel need to have additional input in order for them to catch up any lost learning. If your child is involved in this, then you will receive a letter about this in the next two weeks.

Routines

I have attached a leaflet from **EEF** (Education Endowment Fund) which is really for the children to use. It might help them to prepare for their return in terms of looking at routines.



Communication

As before, parents will not be able to enter school buildings. Communication with school will continue to happen via email and telephone. Virtual meetings can be arranged by Zoom; just ask as we are all experts now!

Attendance

It is vital for all children to return to school to minimise as far as possible the longer-term impact of the pandemic on children's education, wellbeing and wider development. We expect to see you all on Monday 8th March.

If you have any concerns at all, please do not hesitate to contact school.

J.Eagleton

