



Phased Return to School

Nursery, Y1, Y2 & Y3

- Nursery, Y1, Y2 & Y3 children will return to school for two weeks on Monday 8 March.
- They will then revert to remote learning from Monday 22 March until Easter.
- After the Easter holidays Nursery, Y1, Y2 & Y3 children will return to school.

Start and finish times will be the same as they were before Christmas. **Morning Nursery: 8.50 – 10.50, Afternoon Nursery: 12.20 – 2.20, Y1 & Y3: 8.45 – 2.00, Y2: 8.55 – 2.10.** All children should wear their school uniform. School dinners will be available and can be booked on School Money.

Y4, Y5, Y6 & Y7

Children in Y4, Y5, Y6 & Y7 will continue remote learning and it is hoped that they will return to school as soon as possible after the Easter holidays.

Easter Holidays

As you are aware our Easter holidays were set for Friday 2 April to Friday 16 April, inclusive. The holidays were planned before COVID-19 and were set to facilitate the production of our school show which would have been performed on Tuesday & Wednesday 30 & 31 March 2021.

The planned phased return to school was announced on Thursday 18 February and we received an email confirmation of the phased return on Wednesday 24 February. Despite suggestions to revisit it Mrs Foster announced last night that there were no changes to the plan.

With this in mind, it would be the intention of both staff and governors that we will bring the Easter holidays forward by 1 week. Following lengthy discussions, it was agreed that we would prefer **A WEEK OF FACE TO FACE TEACHING AFTER EASTER RATHER THAN AN EXTRA WEEK OF REMOTE LEARNING BEFORE EASTER.** Therefore, school will now finish on Thursday 25 March and the holidays will be:

Friday 26 March – Friday 9 April (inclusive)

School will open on Monday 12 April after the holidays and my hope is that **ALL CHILDREN** will be returning to school. I do apologise for having to change the holidays and for any inconvenience this might cause with child care and any plans that you might have, but I feel that **it is in the best interests of the children to maximise the potential for face to face teaching.** Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need to discuss this change to the Easter holidays.

Restarting School

As the children begin to return to school, I hope that school will **NOT** have to close again and that remote learning will be confined to history!! With this in mind I would ask for your complete support. Please support us as we work together to ensure that we get the children back into school and more importantly that we keep them in school. You can help by:

- Following the one-way system in the playground
- Dropping off and collecting your child promptly without waiting around in the playground
- Wearing a mask whenever you enter the school grounds
- Maintaining 2m social distance at all times and particularly in the playground.

We work very hard in school to maintain our class bubbles in the hope that transmission is limited. Again, you can help by:

- Keeping your children off any of the climbing equipment (including the tyres in the Y3/4 playground) when you are collecting them.
- Avoiding the park (across the road) straight after school, when it is very busy. If you are keen for your children to go to the park, you could maybe take them at a less busy time?

The activities of children outside school certainly isn't within my remit. As always, I only want the children, their families, the staff and their families to remain safe at all times. **I ALSO WANT TO SEE CHILDREN BACK IN SCHOOL AND I WANT TO KEEP THEM IN SCHOOL.**