

Dear Parent/carer,

I am sure you are all aware by now, that all our children will be able to return to school on Monday 8th March. I can hear the cheers from here.

For us all to be safe, there are a few things we need to let you know about.

- You must maintain social distancing and wear a face covering when you are dropping off or picking up your child.
- Your child must be dropped off and collected at the correct time. (Please see below for timings which have changed slightly.)
- Parents/carers are not allowed on school site unless by appointment.
- Breakfast club and Paddy's club will run up to Easter, but only for up to 15 children of critical workers who have no other childcare. A form will be sent to you separately to book. (After Easter, there will be a booking system for all other children. 15 is the maximum number allowed.)
- Uniform should be worn as normal. (We understand that the children may have grown out of things like school shoes, so we will turn a blind eye to these until shops are open!) Tracksuits should be worn on PE days - see below.
- Water bottles should be brought in and left in school.
- Book bags need to be brought in on Fridays and will be sent home on Mondays (if your child had a different arrangement due to attending another provision this will continue). No other bags should be brought in.

ARRANGEMENTS AND TIMINGS FOR DROP OFF AND PICK UP: Children can be dropped off to school between 8.30 and 8.45 in the morning and picked up between 3.15 and 3.30pm. They must be dropped off and picked up from the correct gates - N, R, Y1 and Y2 (infants) from Windsor Street gate and Years 3,4,5 and 6 (Juniors) from the South Chester Street gate (by church). We have made a slight change to our procedures. **You will need to drop off and pick up your child from the correct gate. If you have children in both infants and juniors, then you must drop off and collect them from the correct gate. We will not be allowing the juniors to leave from the infant gate.** This is to avoid people having to wait around, adding to congestion.

PE Timetable - Children come to school in their tracksuit and training shoes or pumps

Year 1 Tuesday & Thursday

Year 2 Monday & Friday

Year 3 Monday & Thursday

Year 4 Monday & Friday

Year 5 Tuesday & Friday

Year 6 Tuesday & Thursday

Hopefully, this is the last push now in the fight against this horrible virus. I know it has affected many of our families, as it has affected some of our staff. We need to still remember to follow the rules on not mixing households, keeping our distance, and wearing our face coverings. We need to make sure that we do not have to go in to another lockdown, where the children cannot come to school.

That first week back will be fully focussed on the children's Mental Health and Wellbeing, which the majority of you felt was the main priority for the children for when they come back to school. There will be lots of art, drama, music activities, as well as physical activities for the children to reflect on their achievements during lockdown, and to reconnect with their classmates and teachers.

Thank you for your patience, support and kindness

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Peace, Love and Understanding

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