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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Re: Spring Term Update 6

### Return to School

Following the Prime Minister's announcement at the start of the week we are delighted to be able to welcome all our children back into school from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. We will be putting back all of the routines and measures that we had in place for the safe running of school from the autumn term. Some of the key points are set out below:

#### *Class Bubbles*

Each class will be treated as a separate bubble. The school day will be organized to ensure that the bubbles do not mix.

#### *Staggered start and finished to the school day*

To reduce the number of people on the school site at these busy times of the day we are putting in place a fifteen minute window for collection and drop-off at the start and end of the school day. We hope that this system reduces the need for parents/carers to wait on the site to collect siblings from different classes. The actual length of the teaching day will not be changed. It will look like this:

<i>Staggered Start</i>	<i>Classes</i>
8.40am	Doors open to all classrooms for drop-off
8.50am	Start of the school day
8.55am	Doors closed

<i>Staggered End</i>	<i>Classes</i>
2.55pm	Doors open to all classrooms for collection
3.05pm	End of the school day
3.10pm	Doors closed

If you are anxious about the number of people who might be on site we suggest that you come towards the end of each window when the numbers will be less.

The one way system around the school site will be in operation and parents/carers are asked to wear a face mask whilst they are on the school grounds (unless you are medically exempt).



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### *Lunch & snack arrangements*

School diners will be provided as normal from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Healthy snacks can be brought in by the junior children at playtime. Fruit will be available for children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Milk will be provided for children aged under 5 and free school meal children. All children will need a water bottle. If children forget their water bottle, school will provide water for your child.

### *Visitors to School*

If you are coming into the school main entrance to see the office staff or into the school building to attend a meeting with teaching staff then you must wear a face covering (unless you are medically exempt).

### *PE lessons*

Children must come to school in their PE kit on PE days and wear this all day. Long hair should be tied back and earrings must be removed. On cold days, please ensure that the children have appropriate warm sports clothing. PE days are as follows:

Year 3/5 – Tuesday  
Year 1/2 - Wednesday  
Reception – Thursday  
Year 6 – Friday

We have had confirmation from Salford Community Leisure that our Y4 class will be able to start their swimming lessons again from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March. They should come to school in their school uniform each Tuesday and bring their swimming kit with them.

### *COVID restrictions*

Although we are very much looking forward to getting our children back into their classrooms with their teachers and peers, we all need to ensure that we adhere to the guidelines to keep each other safe. If a child/family member has one of the three main symptoms: high temperature, new or persistent cough, loss of taste or smell – the child must stay at home until a negative test result is returned. Families should keep to the government guidelines – children should not be meeting up indoors for playdates.

### **World Book Day & Next Week**

Next week will be our final week of remote learning. World Book Day will also be taking place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March. We will be continuing our remote learning over the week with the normal Google Meets.





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However, we will be making some changes to the way the children complete their work. When the teachers set the work on Google Classroom, the children will be asked to complete it using pen and paper and will not to return it electronically. Teachers will be asking the children to share their work on the following day's Google Meet. This is to enable the teachers to have the time to plan and prepare for the return of all their children from the 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Over the week, we will also be taking the chance to celebrate reading and look at the joy that books can bring to us. If the children at home want to, they can dress up as a book character on World Book day. The children who are currently in school will also be able to come to school dressed as a book character if they wish to do so. They will all have the chance to share their costumes on the class Google Meets on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

We very much look forward to getting all the children back in school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Until then, we will continue to support them as best we can through our remote learning.

As always, many thanks for your continued support during this challenging period; the end is sight!

Kind regards,

Mark Foster,

Headteacher.

