

5th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

You will be aware from media coverage that the current intention is on Monday 15th March, P4-7 pupils will be returning to full time education in schools.

This letter outlines some key guidelines and practical information regarding your child's return to school similar to our August return.

The appropriate public health measures will be in place:

- Enhanced hand hygiene and cleaning practices
- Caring for children in small groups & minimised social contact between these groups
- Physical distancing between adults in school including parents at drop off and pick up
- Maximising use of outdoor spaces

Entry & Exits

- All pupils must enter by their allocated gate as detailed below.
- Parents are not permitted to enter the school grounds or school building at any point during the visit. Thank you for your support with this.
- Please adhere to one family member for drop off and pick up.
- Drop off/Pick up and go please do not linger around the school gates to minimise the volume of people at the perimeter.
- Where possible, arrange to meet older pupils outwith the immediate grounds.
- When the bell rings children will be collected from their line by a member of staff.

Primary	Gate of Entry	Line Location	Door of Entry
P4	Top gate at top of stairs leading from Main Car Park	P4 Playground	P4 Entrance
P5a, 5b, 5c & 5e	MUGA Gate at bottom of P4 Playground	P5 Playground P5d following P6 guidance	P5 Entrance P5d: P6 Entrance
	Car Park Entrance at Junior Department can be used by both P4 & 5 pupils as required.		
P6 & P5d	P6 & P5d enter Muddy Movers Gate	P6 & 5d line up on ramp	P6 Entrance
P7	Enter via Bottom Gate at Activity Trail	Playground with Activity Trail	P7 Entrance

Lining up Procedure

When you arrive in the morning we ask that your child lines up outside their designated gate. At 8.50am the gates will be opened by a member of staff. Once your child enters the grounds, they should find their class star and line up behind it.

OLM Travel Plan

Please see our <u>OLM Travel Plan</u> on the school website for more information. It would be helpful to minimise the volume of traffic in and around the school grounds.



Uniform/Outdoor Clothing

Children should wear full school uniform when returning to school. There will be increased opportunities for our pupils to apply their skills in outdoor contexts and they must ensure that they have **outdoor clothing suitable for all weathers**. This clothing should be brought to school and should be clearly labelled with their name and class.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child comes to school with a filled water bottle. There will be limited access to water stations throughout the school day.

Primary Playcare (Breakfast Club & After school care)

Primary Playcare provisions will also be returning to normal on Monday 15th March. Junior Department and Woodfarm Pavilion will re-open as they were prior to Christmas.

I hope you find the above information helpful and reassuring.

We look forward to seeing our P4-7 children along with the P1-3 children on Monday 15th March.

God bless.

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