

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

**Return to school- 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Dear parents,

Finally! The news we have been waiting for- we will all be returning to school on March 8<sup>th</sup>. We are so excited to welcome your children back!

I would like to explain how we will organise our bubbles on return to school as there are some slight changes to timings based on a review of our organisation last time.

	<b>Timings</b>	<b>Pick up/ collection point</b>
<b>Cherry</b>	8.45/9.00- 3.10	Year R garden
<b>Beech</b>	8.45- 3.05	Side gate
<b>Pine</b>	9.00- 3.15	Side gate
<b>Oak</b>	9.00- 3.15	Front garden and in through French doors

As before, we have staggered timings to ensure bubbles do not clash and mix. We ask that you also do not gather at the gates when dropping off/ collecting your children too. During the day, bubbles will remain separated and will not mix at lunch or break.

The only parents who need to be on school site for drop off and collection are Cherry Class parents. We ask that all other parents remain outside of the relevant gate to drop/ collect their child. We also ask for your cooperation in continuing to wear facemasks at this time.

I have left it optional for staff to decide if they would like to wear face masks in class. I feel this is a personal decision and therefore the only places where wearing facemasks is directly requested is in communal spaces where social distancing is difficult (in line with government guidance). Current advice is that children should not wear masks in school.

Class teachers and TAs will return to their usual classes and will no longer be on rota. Oak Class will continue to be taught by Mrs Allen- Harding. She will be home based, but will teach through TEAMS. The class will be supported by Mrs Christie and Mrs Harris.

I am currently liaising with our catering provider- Caterlink and will update you with the lunch situation in due course.

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All children should return to school in their uniform. We would suggest additional base layers as we are keeping rooms well ventilated when indoors. Most uniform should still fit your child. If you have any specific difficulties with shoes not fitting then I am happy to accept the children wearing suitable trainers until the Easter holiday when shoes can be replaced as a wider range of shops should be open. Your child’s class teacher will advise you of the day your child will be doing PE. On these days we ask that your child comes to school in their PE kit as they did before lockdown.

The government is expecting this to be a full return, and has set attendance expectations in line with this. I would ask that if you have any concerns about your child’s return to school that you discuss this with your child’s class teacher, or myself, so that we can reassure you.

We cannot wait to see you all soon!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Bradley-Wyatt

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