



26th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is such good news that all children can return to school on March 8th. Information below should help to answer any questions you may have but if you still have any queries, please contact school and we will be happy to discuss.

Our main priority when children return is making sure they get back safely into school routines and have time to reconnect with their class and friends. The first three weeks back will be about building solid relationships again and getting back into great behaviour for learning in school.

It has been tough for everyone and we really appreciate everything parents and family have done.

Below is some key information about the whole school return:

Attendance

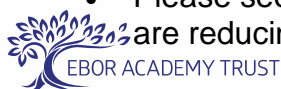
The government has made it very clear that the attendance of every child in school is expected from Monday 8th March.

Start and End of the Day

- Drop off will be the same as we had prior to lockdown - please can everyone follow the one way system and **drop off at classroom doors between 8.40am and 8.50am**. The gates will be closed at 8.50am to ensure safety of children in school. Please can everyone also try to walk to school as much as possible to help with parking and if parking, please continue to park safely.
- **Collection for the whole school will now be 3.15pm**. Please follow the one way system to minimise risk.

Reducing Risk in School

- Children will follow the same hygiene routines they have been used to with regular hand washing.
- Frequent cleaning of areas and touch points will continue. Children will be in the same bubbles as before:
 - Infant and primary bubbles with classes reducing contact with other classes as much as possible.
- Please can everyone keep their distance from others in school grounds and when going to and from school to reduce risk and help avoid bubble closures.
- Please see our risk assessment on the website for full details of how we are reducing risk in school.





Social Distancing

It is so important more than ever for all adults to maintain social distancing both in school and in the community. So we can minimise risk of bubble closures, please can I ask everyone to be extra careful and maintain 2m distancing both in school and coming to and from school and follow government lockdown rules.

Face Masks

Please can all adults wear face masks on school premises. If there is no medical reason and adults refuse to wear a mask, unfortunately they will not be allowed on school grounds.

Lateral Flow Testing

All staff in school have the opportunity now to take part in lateral flow testing twice a week, which is great news. This will continue when all children are back in school.

School Uniform

Children will be expected to wear school uniform in school with the same expectations as previously (please see website for details of uniform requirements).

PE Kits

Please can children bring in PE kits on a Monday and leave them until Friday wherever possible so we are able to have additional PE wherever we can.

Medication

Please can parents bring in any prescribed medication/inhalers their child will need and hand them in to the office.

Hand Sanitiser

There are plenty of hand washing stations in school and opportunities for hand washing. For health and safety reasons, please can children not bring in hand sanitiser.

Water Bottles

Please can every child bring in a water bottle with WATER ONLY in it each day. Water fountains are not available and will be replaced with sinks for hand washing across school.

School Lunches, Lunch Times and Play Times

- Please can lunches be booked on Parentpay by 28th February for the first week back to school, commencing 8th March.
- Children will continue to eat lunches in classrooms and be with their bubble at playtimes.



Teaching and Learning

We have been assessing children's progress before and throughout this current lockdown so we have a good understanding of every child's needs. Teachers have been planning for the whole school return this week and will continue next week as we want the move from home learning to school to be as smooth a transition as possible and the learning to be as exciting as it can be whilst keeping everyone as safe as we can.

Just a reminder that all statutory assessments have been cancelled this year so there will be no:

- Phonics screening for Key Stage 1
- Year 2 SATs
- Year 4 times tables check
- Year 6 SATs

Chromebooks, Reading Books and Resources

Please can all chromebooks, reading books and art resources be brought back into school on Monday 8th March as children will need these when they return to learning in the classroom.

In School Opportunities

We have lots planned for children in school and have waited for the whole school return so all children have a say in what we are planning. When they come back, and when it is safe to do so we are planning to:

- Get children back into active learning and sport in school with a wider range of sports and challenges
- Planting an orchard
- Starting an allotment
- Putting a canopy in our forest schools area so every class can take part in forest schools each week regardless of the weather
- Continuing our links with schools in Sierra Leone and Spain
- Putting in a new trim trail

More information about all of these opportunities will follow when children have settled back into learning in school. It is important more than ever to have lots of exciting things happening in school so children do not miss out.

Unfortunately, school trips and residential are still on hold so it is unlikely we will have any school trips or residential this year. But, when it is safe to do so, we will definitely be starting trips and residential again.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns and I will be more than happy to discuss with you.

Many thanks and we cannot wait to see everyone again.

Mrs Fletcher