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## ***Return to School information***

Dear Parents/Carers,

On behalf of all the staff I would like to offer you our heartfelt thanks for all you have done to keep your child's learning continuing at home. We know it has not been easy and nothing can replace face to face teaching. We have received some really positive feedback from parents about the use of Microsoft Teams, these comments have meant a great deal to the staff.

This week I have heard many staff talk excitedly about the return of all the children. We are aware of how worrying it has been for parents and how concerned everyone is about gaps in learning. Please be rest assured we will do all we can to ensure your child continues to receive excellent teaching in order to get them back on track with the curriculum they have missed. Our staff are dedicated, hardworking and totally committed to giving your child the best possible education.

**Listed below is information which you will need in order for the school to work together for a safe, happy return.**

### **Padua Classes**

All Padua classes will arrive at school at **8.35am**; they will line up in their usual places on the playground. Their class teacher will meet them and they will be registered by **8.45am**. At the end of the day Padua parents will wait on the playground and the Padua children will finish at **3.15pm**. **Reception Padua** will finish at **3.10pm**. Therefore, please collect your Reception child first if you have children in the other classes.

In the morning and the afternoon we would politely ask parents to leave the premises as soon as they can so that Lisbon families can arrive without there being too much congestion. Social distancing on the playground is also still very important.

### **Lisbon Classes**

All Lisbon classes will arrive at school at **8.50am**, they will line up in their usual places on the playground. Their class teacher will meet them and they will be registered by **9am**. At the end of the day Lisbon parents will wait on the playground and the Lisbon children will finish at **3.30pm**.

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**Reception Lisbon** will finish at **3.25pm**. Therefore, please collect your Reception child first if you have children in the other classes.

In the morning and the afternoon we would politely ask parents not to arrive too early as this will cause congestion with the Padua families. Social distancing on the playground is also still very important.

## Nursery Class

Children in our Nursery class will continue to arrive just before **9am** and they will finish at **12pm**. Please do not arrive too early as we would like to try and prevent too many parents near the Early Years building.

## Equipment

Children need to continue to bring in the same equipment they had before Christmas e.g. water bottles, school bag and PE kits etc.

Reading books will continue to be quarantined when the children return them to school.

## Face Coverings

Due to the high rates of this newly transmitted strain we would politely ask **all** adults to wear face coverings as soon as they enter our school grounds. Staff will also be wearing a face covering when they are in the school grounds/open doorways at the beginning and end of the day. We hope this precaution will enable all of us to feel safe.

## Lateral Flow tests

Staff are now taking voluntary lateral flow tests twice a week. Staff feel strongly that they want to create a safe working environment. Approximately 1 in 3 individuals are asymptomatic when they contract COVID-19. Therefore, regular tests amongst staff will help to identify those who may be positive yet are asymptomatic.

## Routines

All our normal hygiene routines will still be in place. There will be regular handwashing, cleaning of surfaces, good ventilation and social distancing will be maintained between bubbles. Indoors the children will remain in the same class bubbles throughout the week. At playtimes this may need to be extended to a year group bubble for Reception and also our KS1 classes.

We are still unable to have parents enter the school building. Please continue to phone or email the school office if you have a query.

## Lunches

Children will continue to eat their lunch with their class bubble. Free school lunches will be provided for Reception, Year 1, 2 and children in Key Stage Two who are in receipt of free school meals. Children in Key Stage Two who normally pay for a lunch will continue to do so. We are now extending the choice to include a hot option for all those classes.

## Payments

Our school has recently changed its banking arrangements. Therefore, we are now a cashless school. With the exception of charity and Mufti days, all other payments must be made online using the School Gateway. Many thanks to all the parents who are regularly using this system of payment.

## Dogs/puppies

A polite reminder to all parents that dogs/puppies are not to be brought on to our playground, even if they are being held. This has always been a policy of the school and has not changed. This is to help with the Health and Safety guidelines we need to adhere to.

## Parking

Can we ask all parents who are driving to/from school to be considerate to the local residents when parking their car. Parents also need to avoid parking in the school driveway at all times.

## Illness

If your child is displaying any Covid-19 symptoms please do not send them into school until they have received a negative test result. If anyone in the family is waiting for a test result your child should not come into school until a negative result has been received.

We hope that over the next few weeks we will be able to re-introduce sport clubs and other activities after school once it is deemed safe to do so.

We really look forward to seeing all our families on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**.

God bless and take care,

Elaine Harrold  
Acting Headteacher