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Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

Dear Parents/carers,

We are very much looking forward to **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021** when we can return all our children to school. We have received the updated guidance from the DfE and will be broadly implementing the same measures that we had in place within school in the autumn term. We will need to continue with our bubbles but we will still try and keep the classes within these bubbles as separate as possible. School will continue to have a staggered start and end to the school day to prevent everyone congregating around school at the same time.

A reminder of the important arrangements for parents are outlined below:

- Only one adult is to drop off or collect your child from school.
- All adults must wear a face covering at drop off or pick up from school.
- Please arrive and leave promptly when dropping off or collecting your child. Please ensure that you adhere to social distancing and please do not congregate outside of school talking to other parents.
- Please ensure that siblings are kept close to you so that they are not mixing with other children in different bubbles.
- Please ensure that your household adheres to self-isolation rules.
- Any meetings with school staff will need to take place outdoors or via telephone.
- If you are driving to school, please park responsibly in the school vicinity for the safety of all our children and families.

# Arrangements for dropping off and collecting children from the school site:

We will continue to have staggered drop off and pick up times. This is to prevent everyone being in the same area at the same time. As a consequence of this, we will be asking that all parents drop off in the morning between 8:40am- 8:55am. Please note that all children must be in school by 8:55am. All gates will be locked at this time. I am urging all parents to ensure that their child is on time to prevent children having to come through the main office especially when we are running at reduced capacity within the office.

- F2, Y1 & Y2 will enter via the car park entrance
- Y3 & 4 will enter via the infant gate on the main playground.
- Y5 & 6 will enter via the junior gate on the main playground.

The children will filter straight into school and will not remain on the playground. Parents will not be permitted to come into school so it is really important that your child leaves you at the gate.

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## Pick up times:

**F2, Y1 & Y2** will end the school day at **3:15pm** (if they have any siblings who are in the juniors they will also be released at the same time.) This will prevent parents waiting outside the school grounds for any period of time. F2, Y1 & Y2 will leave as usual via the infant gate on the playground. Any siblings from junior classes will leave via the junior gate.

**Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6** will end the school day at **3:25pm**- Y3 & 4 will leave school via the Infant gate and Y5 & 6 children will leave via the junior gate.

#### Lunchtime arrangements:

Your child can choose whether to have a packed lunch or a hot dinner on a daily basis. The office will send home the menu for next week so you know what is planned for each day.

## Pencil cases:

Please can you ensure that your child has a pencil case that can remain in school every day with pencils/ pen/ sharpener/ colouring pencils, rubber, glue stick etc. This just supports us in school so that pupils do not have to share equipment.

## Before and after school clubs:

We are looking to commence these again after Easter. However, they will only be able to run if there is enough interest and they will only be available to bubbles of children. Further information will be shared with you before the Easter break.

## S4YC:

They will be open to all pupils from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. All parents will need to ensure that they have booked their child into this provision if you wish to access it.

#### **School Uniform:**

We will be expecting all pupils to return to school in school uniform unless it is their PE day. PE days are outlined in the table below for each year group.

Year Group	PE Days
F2	Tuesday & Friday
Y1	Tuesday & Thursday
Y2	Wednesday & Thursday
Y3	Wednesday & Thursday
Y4	Monday & Wednesday
Y5	Monday & Tuesday
Y6	Tuesday & Friday

#### School priorities on return to school:

When your child returns to school, our immediate priority will be their well-being and mental health. We want to ensure that all our children feel secure, safe and happy to be back at school. Staff will be providing lots of opportunities for the children to be active, play and socialise with their friends. We will of course still be covering our curriculum but these are key elements that children have missed out on over recent weeks. If you have any concerns about your child returning to school, please do not hesitate to contact the school office via email and the class teacher will contact you as soon as they can.

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### **Risk assessment:**

Our return to school risk assessment can be viewed on our website at the following link: <u>http://www.gayton.wirral.sch.uk/website/covid-19\_information\_/466620</u>

#### Parents' Evening:

Parents' evening will not take place this term and will be moved into the start of the summer term as we feel that this will mean that teachers can provide more purposeful information to you by this time. Further details regarding this will be shared with all parents in the school newsletter next week.

#### Thank you!

We are so grateful to all our parents for your support during this lockdown period and thank you for all you have done. However, it is going to be lovely to be able to welcome all our pupils back to school and see them interacting, playing and socialising with their peers again.

Thank you for your continued support,

Kind regards,

J. MCAlenus