

INFORMATON FOR ALL FAMILIES ON RETURNING TO SCHOOL FROM 8th MARCH

Following the PM's confirmation that schools can reopen to all pupils from March 8th we are very much looking forward to having all our children back in school.

We are still required to have in place systems of controls to reduce the risk of infection such as separate class bubbles, minimising contact between people, having good ventilation, not sharing regularly used equipment, enhanced cleaning procedures and additional hand washing and sanitising etc.

This means that the systems in place in school will be the same as in the Autumn Term between September and Christmas, so please read and follow the information below in preparation for your children coming back to school on Monday 8th March. Thank you.

Coming and Going

Please remember that we have **staggered start and finish times for each class**, using different gates for drop off and pick up.

- Parents will not be able to come onto the school site.
- It is important that families **stick to the allocated drop off and pick up times** and are very prompt.
- **Please don't wait around the gate areas before or after drop off and pick up times** as other groups will be needing to use the gates for their times.
- **Please remember that social distancing rules are still in place and parents should keep a full 2 metres from other adults, wear a face mask and not gather in groups to chat. Please disperse straight away after drop off and pick up.**
- **We are still in lockdown and for the time being children meeting up in groups out of school and having playdates is not permitted. Please don't put the school and other families at risk by organising playdates – thank you.**
- We kindly request that **NO CARS** come down Vicarage Road to drop off, collect, turn around etc. as the pavement and road areas will be busy with families socially distancing as they come to and from school.
- **Please only bring a bike if your journey is too far to walk as safe storage and collection of bikes at end of day is limited due to the different entrances being used – thank you.**

The times and gates are as follows:

Class	Drop Off Time	Entrance/Gate to use for drop off and pick up	Pick Up Time
Nursery and Reception	9am	Main playground gate closest to the Foundation Stage classroom ramp.	3.00pm
Finch	8.50am	Gate by the office off School Place	3.00pm
Owl	8.40am	Gate by the office off School Place	2.50pm
Dove	8.50am	Corner Playground gate closest to the Vicarage	3.00pm
Woodpecker	8.30am	Corner Playground gate closest to the Vicarage	2.50pm
Kingfisher	8.40am	Corner Playground gate closest to the Vicarage	3.05pm

Morning Club and After School Club

These **will NOT be running from 8th March till the end of this term (Wednesday 31st March)** as we do not have the space or capacity to run them for each bubble and at this stage of the lockdown easing we will not be mixing children from different bubbles. We will keep the situation under review for after Easter.

What do your children need to wear and bring to school?

- Every child must have a named refillable water bottle in school each day.
- Please could every child wear **clean clothes each day that are suitable for being outside for both playtimes and PE**. This means wearing trackies, leggings or comfortable shorts/trousers, a comfortable top or t-shirt with a jumper/sweatshirt/hoodie/cardigan, **well fitted trainers that are easy to run in, and have a waterproof jacket with them**. We have sports coaches coming in on many days and are also trying to give fresh air breaks and use outside for some activities so the children need to be prepared to be outside no matter what the weather!
- **Every child** throughout the school should have a small bag that they keep on their peg throughout the week with a **spare set of clothes** (including underwear and socks for younger children) just in case they get soaking wet during a PE session. They will not be changing for PE so this is a fall back so that if they do get wet they don't have to sit in wet clothes for the rest of the day.

Lunches

You can choose whether your child brings a packed lunch from home or has a school lunch. The menus are in ParentPay and the system is the same as it was before Christmas. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 or older children who are entitled to free school meals do not have to pay. All other children must pay for their lunches and **parents must ensure that there is enough money in ParentPay in advance to cover the lunches being taken**. There is a two-weekly menu, so it is really helpful if you have looked at this with your child, decided choices and pre booked. Thank you.

When should children not come to school?

Children should not come to school and should be booked in for a test if they have any of these three coronavirus symptoms: a high temperature, a new or continuous cough or a change to or loss of taste and smell. If the test is positive a ten day period of isolation is required in accordance with Test and Trace legislation.

Children must not come to school and must isolate at home for ten days if any member of their household (including someone in the support or childcare bubble if you have one) has covid 19 symptoms or has tested positive.

Keeping School Informed: If your child is not in school for any reason you MUST let us know why and what their ailments are. It is important that parents keep us updated on what is happening with tests and send us test result letters. Email office.3213@new-hinksey.oxon.sch.uk asap before 9.30am please with this information. **If a child receives a positive test result please phone us (01865 242169) at once** so that we can then follow procedures and advice from Public Health and the Department for Education on our next steps.

How will we support children to settle back into school and progress in their learning?

We will be welcoming, nurturing and understanding that every child will be feeling differently about coming back to school.

We will help the children to calmly get used to school routines again as well as giving them opportunities for the social side of school, being with friends again and being able to talk about their feelings.

We will minimise the use of screens for a bit as I am sure everyone could do with a break from this!

Teachers will use ongoing assessment and their experience to identify gaps in children's knowledge and understanding and will start to address these gaps and each child's needs.