



1st March 2021

Dear Parent/Carers

School Re-opening Monday 8th March 2021

As we begin our last week of either in-school learning or learning remotely, we were delighted to hear the statement made by the Prime Minister last week which announced schools will re-open to all pupils from the 8th of March.

We have been making preparations to welcome back all of our children and staff who have been working remotely, and will outline in this letter some important information for re-opening the school following the guidance and risk assessments.

Testing of adults in school: In-school staff have been used to taking twice weekly Lateral Flow Tests and this will continue for all staff as we re-open fully on the 8th of March.

Entry/Exits to site and adults on site: The protective measures of staggered entry and exits along with face coverings for adults entering site will be maintained. Please see the grid below as there are slight timing adjustments for some year groups. With the whole school returning it will not be possible in the first instance to drop off/collect multiple children as we have done during lockdown. This is due to the increase in numbers and the capacity of the playground in the current times. However, we have tried to ease this situation by condensing drop off times. Senior Leaders will be out and around the site and evaluating this, particularly on KS1, to see what further adjustments, if any can be made.

Year Group	One- way system	Entry Time	Exit Time
Nursery	30hrs	Mon-Fri 8:30am to start 8:40am	3:00pm
	Beginning	Mon-Wed 8:30am to start 8:40am	Mon-Tues 3:00pm Wed only 11:40am
	End	Wed only 11:55am for 12:00noon start Thurs/Fri 8:30am for 8:40am start	3:00pm
Year 2	KS1 entry/exit	8:30am for 8:40am start	2:50pm
Reception	KS1 entry/exit	8:40am for 8:45am start	2:55pm
Year 1	KS1 entry/exit	8:45am for 8:50am start	3:00pm
Year 4	KS2 entry/exit	8:30am for 8:40am start	2:50pm
Year 6	KS2 entry/exit	8:30am for 8:40am start	2:50pm
Year 3	KS2 entry/exit	8:40am for 8:50am start	3:00pm
Year 5	KS2 entry/exit	8:40am for 8:50am start	3:00pm

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Bubbles: Year group bubbles will still be in operation to minimise closures and maximise efficient use of teaching resources.

Email Communication: When we return on the 8th of March email communication with year group staff will only be responded to outside of teaching time – therefore please use office@richmond.doncaster.sch.uk for any urgent communication or telephone the main school office.

Absence: The re-opening guidance states school attendance will be mandatory for all pupils from the 8th of March, therefore the usual rules on school attendance will apply. A reminder that any absences should be reported to absence@richmond.doncaster.sch.uk.

Clinically extremely vulnerable children and adults: As shielding continues until March 31st anyone in this group are advised to continue to shield until this date. We have a few staff/pupils who this affects. Upon return Y4L will continue with remote teaching in the form of the teacher zooming into the classroom, this will be supported in class by teaching staff in school.

PE: PE will resume for all pupils with the specified risk assessment in place. We feel this is important to work on elements the children have missed through lockdown and remote education such as team games, peer communication and health and wellbeing. From the 8th all children (except nursery) are to bring their PE kits every Monday to be then taken home each Friday.

VLE: Our remote education will be accessible via the website for any cases of self-isolating pupils with teacher contact weekly. Submission of work for marking and feedback will be via your child's school spider individual account. Teaching staff are currently sending out individual text messages to parents with details of each pupil's individual password (with the exception of Nursery children). Any problems please email the class email address. We are pleased with the development of this and the scope it presents moving forward for home learning.

School Devices: Allocated school devices can be retained by our families to support home learning, self-isolation or potential bubble closures. Further communication will be sent out to families in due course.

Lunches: Hot meals will return for all pupils when we re-open on the 8th of March. Parents were asked last week by text message to ensure meal bookings were made via Parentpay by noon today.

Snack: A healthy snack can be brought from home for break times in Key stage 2 as toast will not be available due to staff capacity. Free fruit from Doncaster Council will continue to be available for KS1 and Foundation children.

School Resources: Any resources that have been allocated e.g – books, Maths Manipulatives etc and are no longer required, can be returned and placed in the baskets provided – for KS1 situated outside the classrooms and for KS2 situated in the playground.

We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 8th of March.

Kind regards
Yours sincerely



Debbie Secker
Principal