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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you managed to enjoy some of the sunshine this weekend. As promised here is the information that you will need for when we can welcome all of our children back on Monday 8th March. Essentially we will be operating in the same way as we were before Christmas but I thought it would be useful to remind you of the logistics and some of the basics.

Firstly, the absolute basic is that if your child has Covid symptoms then they should not attend school and you should arrange for them to have a Covid test. If it is positive then they and the rest of the household will need to self-isolate for 10 days. We expect all parents/carers to engage in the NHS Track and Trace process if required to do so.

The DfE announced yesterday that all households and bubbles that contain school children will be able to access twice weekly lateral flow tests. They are giving options for how families can do this; from attending a test centre to getting packs delivered to your homes. They are asking that all adults do this testing so that cases can be detected before they get into the school community. Just to make the point again – this testing is not for the children in the household. The link to find out more is <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

The updated guidance has two additional sections that I need to make you aware of:

-Where parents/carers are using external childcare providers or out of school extra-curricular activities for their children we would ask that you only use one out-of-school setting in addition to school as far as possible.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

-If a pupil displays coronavirus symptoms while at school they should avoid using public transport when they have been collected and are being taken back home.

I have put a bulleted list below and these points may well appear again but please make sure that you are being very careful to keep 2 metres away from others on the playground and don't stop for a chat next to the school gates. The quicker you can be the better. Unless you are medically exempt then you must wear a face covering.

So now down to the practicalities:

- Your child should come to school in full school uniform unless it is their P.E or Forest School day
- Please ensure your child has washed their hands thoroughly at home just before leaving for school.
- Children should be brought to school by **one** parent from their household at their allocated drop off time. We will be operating a one way system – please come onto the playground from the Escrick Street Entrance and leave by the side of school exit. We are staggering the start and finish time for each phase – please see the table below. Please make sure that they get there as close to that time as possible as we need to reduce the

amount of time that adults need to wait playground. Children should go and stand on their class line (there will be a line for each child to stand on but these will not be socially distanced apart from the Early Years line) until a member of staff lets them in. Please leave as soon as your child is in their line unless your he/she really needs you, in which case please wait behind the tape – the fewer adults we have on the playground the better. We are running a slightly different system for Early Years – we have marked their line to allow for social distancing so if you have an Early Years child you will be able to stand in the line with them. If you have children in more than one phase then you will need to wait behind the tape with your other child until it is their time to line up. Parent/carers are not permitted to enter the school building. It is really important that your child is on time for their slot as we cannot mix the bubbles. I made a little film explaining all of this in the heights of summer 2020 so if you want to watch it again then please click on this link. https://youtu.be/E-Jfq5w_TOQ

	Start	Finish
Y5/6	8.45am	3.15pm
Y3/4	8.50am	3.05pm
Y1/2	8.55am	3.10pm
EYU	9am	2.55pm

- Please leave the playground as quickly as possible and avoid the temptation to gather either at the gates, in front of school or on the playground to have a quick chat.
- Please walk to school if at all possible. This link provides more details about how you can keep yourselves as safe as possible. [safer travel guidance for passengers](#)
- If your child becomes unwell with coronavirus symptoms in school, we will contact you and you must arrange for your child to be collected immediately. Only one person will be allowed on site to collect your child. You will then need to follow the up to date isolation guidance from Public Health England.
- If you, or a member of your household, become unwell with coronavirus symptoms, you must immediately contact school and arrange for collection of your child. Only one person will be allowed on site to collect your child. You will then need to follow the up to date isolation guidance from Public Health England
- Priority testing should be accessed for pupils eligible to attend school and all of their household if they are displaying symptoms. This will enable them to get back into education, and their parents or carers back to work if the test proves negative. To access testing, parents will be able to use the 111 online coronavirus service.
- Children should only bring the minimum into school with them (packed lunch, water bottle, coat etc.) They can take reading books to and from school and they can bring a bag to keep everything in.
- Any homemade non-disposable face coverings that children are wearing when they arrive at their setting must be removed by the wearer and placed into a plastic bag that the wearer has brought with them in order to take it home.
- To maintain the health and safety of all, parents will not be permitted on the school site unless it is an emergency. All contact should be made via telephone or email.

- Children should be collected by **one** parent/carer, at the time in the table above, using the same one way system as in the morning. Social distancing measures should be followed whilst waiting. Your child will stand on the same line as in the morning and will be sent over to you. Again, please leave the playground as quickly as possible. If your child is in Early Years then you will need to line up in the same way as in the morning and you will be called to the door when it is your turn.
- Please make sure that social distancing is enforced whilst your child is not in school so that we can continue to work together to prevent/minimise the spread of infection.

Hopefully that has all made sense. If you want more then an updated risk assessment will be on the website by the end of the week. Please contact me, via the admin team, if you have any questions or if I have made anything more confusing. I am so excited to have everyone back on Monday and will be counting down the hours until we can all be together.

Take care,

Tina Clarke

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tina Clarke". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

p.s. please could your child bring their learning packs and any borrowed chrome books back into school with them on Monday – thank you x