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Dear Parents and Carers,

Arrangements for Return to School Monday 8th March 2021

We are delighted that we are able to welcome back all children on Monday 8th March following the government announcement last week.

Our priority, on the return to school, will be the children's well-being. We appreciate that the children have all had different experiences since the beginning of the Spring term and our staff will do their very best to meet the needs of all children. It would be useful if you could alert us to any particularly difficult circumstances your child has encountered since the start of this lockdown, so that we are able to support appropriately. Please email in confidence to supporttys@welearn365.com.

We will, of course, build on the learning that has taken place at home and begin to identify what next steps need to be planned to support the children academically. Please be assured we will not be testing the children first thing on Monday morning! We are keen for the children to feel safe and secure on their return and be able to recommence their friendships as well as their learning.

Attendance Arrangements

It is absolutely vital that all children are able to return to school on Monday 8th March. The government guidance is very clear that attendance at school is mandatory and the usual rules on school attendance will apply including parents' duty to ensure their child attends school regularly as well as schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence.

We need to minimise, as far as possible, the longer-term impact of the pandemic on children's education, well-being and wider development. It would be helpful for you to discuss the return to school with your children.

Start and Finish Times

All children are able to access school between 8:45am and 9:00am via the main car park gate. This includes Reception children. This will allow us to safely see the children in and out of school while maintaining social distancing. We request that parents continue to wear a face covering at drop off and collection times.

Finish times have altered slightly with Beech and Oak classes finishing at 3:15pm and KS2 at 3:20pm. Collection points remain the same; Beech and Oak classes are collected outside the front office via a one way system and KS2 from the playground. A map can be found on the final page of this document.

Please can only one parent or carer drop off and collect children to minimise the number of people on site and to enable adequate social distancing. Please do not congregate in groups on the playground or at the school gates to chat and you must leave the school site promptly.

It is vital that children are punctual and all children should be at school between 8:45am and 9:00am. Likewise, please ensure children are collected on time at the end of the school day.

School Lunches

We have returned to hot school lunches and altered lunchtimes slightly to allow for adequate distancing and cleaning. Please ensure you have ordered dinners prior to 8am. Please book online <https://dinnerpay.co.uk/>. Parents can contact Bailey's directly on 0121 2225410, by email: info@baileys-catering.co.uk or via the contact page on DinnerPay.

We will continue to update you with further developments as they arise and our school website will be regularly updated with our latest risk assessment and other relevant information. Thank you for your continued patience and support. We are very much looking forward to seeing you all next week.

Yours sincerely,

Lindsey Oscroft
Executive Headteacher

Paige Neale
Head of School

Larry Granelly
Chair of Governors

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Does my child have to attend school?

Yes. Attendance at school from Monday 8th March is mandatory. We want to work closely with our families so please email us with any concerns to supporttys@welearn365.com.

What if my child is ill?

If your child is feeling unwell for any reason, you must keep them off school until their symptoms have passed or they have been tested. We have avoided having to close bubbles because parents have exercised caution and adopted a sensible approach to illness and school attendance.

What are the arrangements for hand washing?

The children will continue to wash hands on entry and throughout the day. We also have a large quantity of hand sanitiser available.

What are the cleaning arrangements?

The tables will be cleaned at lunchtime and after school. Other contact points such as light switches and door handles will be cleaned with antibacterial solution several times throughout the day. Any iPads or class PCs that are used will be cleaned before and after use. The children will wash their hands regularly throughout the day including before and after lunch. Toilets and other shared facilities will also be cleaned regularly throughout the day.

Will my child be in the same classroom?

Your child will be in the same classroom and will not move rooms.

What about social distancing?

Classrooms will be organised to ensure that children stay apart from staff as much as is possible in a school setting. The staff will remind the children of social distancing expectations regularly. Children will not be sharing resources and they will have a named pack of stationery that is just for them. The children will spend plenty of time outside as well.

Will my child be with their class adults?

Your child will be with their usual class adults. We will still be covering teachers PPA (planning, preparation and assessment) lessons with our own staff but these teachers will remain in their teacher zone and two metres away from everyone else wherever possible. This is not possible in all cases, nor desirable, particularly with younger children.

What are bubbles and how will they work?

The children will be taught in their usual classes in lesson time and share breaktimes with their class as well. We hope to move to larger Key Stage bubbles as guidance changes over the coming weeks but until then each class will maintain their own bubble.

What about playtimes and lunchtimes?

We recognise the importance of social interaction for all our pupils as well as their physical health needs. At playtimes and lunchtimes we will use the field as much as possible in allocated areas for each bubble. These times will be staggered as much as possible to minimise numbers on playgrounds and the field.

How do I explain to my child what school will look like?

School will be almost exactly as it was before the Christmas holidays. We are very excited to have the children returning and we will attempt to make school as 'normal' as possible for everyone.

Will my child need to wear uniform?

Yes, the children in school are expected to be back in uniform but we understand how expensive shoes are and with the current financial climate, best endeavours will be accepted but they must be sensible. It is a good idea for the children to wear layers that they can remove as the weather warms as all classrooms have the windows open for ventilation – it can be cold inside in the mornings!

Will my child get a school lunch if they want one?

Hot school lunches must be booked before 8am each day or can be booked up to four weeks ahead. Please book online <https://dinnerpay.co.uk/>. Parents can contact Bailey's directly on 0121 2225410, by email: info@baileys-catering.co.uk or via the contact page on DinnerPay.

Can my children have Free School meals if they are entitled and not in school?

If your child is isolating and is entitled to FSM, we will arrange a food parcel to be dropped off.

Will the staff wear PPE?

DFE guidelines only recommend PPE equipment for staff in communal areas and staff have been adhering to this since September. When staff are dealing with first aid or children who may become ill, they will wear PPE. It would be helpful to explain what this might look like to your child. We will not be checking the temperature of all pupils before they enter school but relying on parents to make a sensible decision to not send a sick child to school. Staff may be wearing masks in communal areas or where social distancing is not possible.

Will my child be able to use the school bus?

The bus service has remained in operation for those children accessing school and usual service will continue from March 8th. The bus companies should have communicated their risk assessment with parents, however these are unlikely to have changed from September.

What about wrap around care?

We await details from Tysoe Children's Group regarding the walking bus.

In order to protect bubbles, there will be no staff run after school clubs until after Easter.

What happens if a child or staff member at school develops symptoms?

PROCEDURE IF A CHILD OR STAFF MEMBER DEVELOPS SYMPTOMS

- Child to wait in the staff room, if possible behind a closed door with adult supervision, until a parent is able to collect. Staff member to go straight home.
- One member of staff to stay with the child and use PPE.
- Parents will need to call the school office on arrival and wait outside the office for their child to be handed over.
- Child/staff member to be tested for Covid 19 and stay at home until results are available. To access testing parents will be able to use the 111 online coronavirus service if their child is 5 or over. Parents will be able to call 111 if their child is under 5.
- If results are negative then they may return to school.
- If results are positive then the rest of the children and staff in that 'bubble' will be sent home with the Government advice to self-isolate for 10 days. The other household members of that 'bubble' do not need to self-isolate unless a child or staff member they live with subsequently develops symptoms.
- Should this happen you will need to inform the school.
- The school will contact Public Health England for further advice.

What happens if I or someone in my household develops symptoms?

Please let the school know as soon as possible and you will need to follow the Government guidelines. To arrange a test, you need to call 119. Full guidance here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/what-to-do-if-you-or-someone-you-live-with-has-coronavirus-symptoms/>

What happens if there is an outbreak at school and the class is sent home?

We have developed a highly successful online platform and learning will be shared on Teams. As in the Remote Education Policy on the website, children who are well but isolating will be provided with daily work and feedback will be completed on Teams within the week.

What are the guidelines for social distancing at home?

We must ask parents and carers to follow the social distancing guidelines set out by the government. This will help us to minimise the risks to the children and staff in each bubble.

Will my child be going on any school trips?

Until further guidance is issued, the school will not be going on any trips other than within Tysoe itself where transport is not needed. This will be communicated to you separately if it occurs.

What will my child need to bring each day?

We will be providing all pens, pencils and books etc. On their allocated PE days children will need to come to school in their PE kit. (They may wear shorts under their jogging bottoms and their school jumpers on top of their PE shirt.) They can bring *1 small bag* with their packed lunch (if needed) and their reading book/record. They need to bring a filled water bottle, a coat and a sunhat. Please do not send rucksacks as we do not have the space.

Returning home education resources and exercise books

Please bring into school on Monday 8th March all of your exercise books and the CGP books that you have been using at home. We will return the CGP books ready for setting homework but we would love to celebrate the enormous effort the children have put into their learning at home.

How will reading books and reading records work?

It is essential that we ensure children are still reading. Therefore we need to safely reintroduce reading records and reading books.

In KS1/Reception: On a Friday morning, please return your child's reading books to school in their book bag and they will be left in a 'dropbox' for 72 hours in line with government guidance. Your child will receive their new books on a Monday to take home. Please wipe the books before returning them and also the same for the reading records.

In KS2: The children must hand in their book to the quarantine box when they have finished it to be left for at least 72 hours. They can select a new reading book from their class library.

Will my child be taught the full curriculum?

Yes, as much as possible. However there will be a clear focus on key skills in English and Maths so more time will be given over to this. We will also prioritise sport and physical exercise too.

Can staff still deliver 1:1 and group interventions with pupils?

Yes, they can. Staff who are working with pupils across different bubbles are advised to take additional precautions. For example, remaining 1m+ apart if possible and avoiding close face-to-face contact. Staff doing this will wear additional PPE and this was done successfully in the Autumn Term.

Will my child be going swimming?

Not until guidance has changed to allow school swimming lessons. We are aware of the class groups that have had interruptions to their swimming lessons and will endeavour to rectify this when we can.

My child has individual music lessons. Will these resume?

Individual music lessons will recommence after the Easter break. Teachers will minimise movement around the school and will wear PPE as well as maintaining adequate distance from the children. All instruments will either be for individual use or cleaned between uses.

How will the school lead collective worship?

We will use technology, have collective worship in our own classroom and have one class at a time in the hall. Parents and families will not be able to attend celebration events as yet. As before Christmas, there will be Star of the Week assemblies on a Friday. Certificates will be sent home.

How will PE be taught?

As before Christmas, pupils are to come in their PE kits on PE days as this was supported by parents and staff. All equipment will be cleaned before and after use. Aspire coaches will continue attending school and full risk assessments have been completed.

What are the arrangements for homework?

Homework will now be posted on Teams and we expect children to upload their work there too. This will reduce children taking things into school and bring things back. We will continue to use the online resources we have invested in previously (Learning by Questions, Timestables Rockstars, Numbots). The children have their CGP books issued in January as well and teachers will set homework from these.

Regular homework will resume from 8th March. Reading at least 3 times a week (and 5 if possible) is, as always, expected from 8th March.

We will be contacting families who have been using a school laptop or Chromebook to discuss their requirements for ongoing access to homework.

How will my child receive prescribed medication at school?

Send your child's in date inhaler/other medication with them to school with instructions on dosage. We cannot give antibiotics at the moment but can support long term health requirements. Contact the school office for any queries.

What is being done regarding 'catch up'?

We will assess children after they have settled back into school to gauge gaps in learning and our curriculum will be adapted to the needs of the pupils. We will also release staff in order for them to work with small groups to help deliver necessary interventions.

Will volunteers and visitors resume attending school?

At this point no 'volunteer' helpers will be able to come into school. In instances where we need to use other essential professionals, such as social workers, speech and language therapists or professionals to support the delivery of a child's education, health and care (EHC) plan, we will assess whether the professionals need to attend in person or can do so virtually. If they do need to attend in person, we will ensure they follow the protective measures in the school and the number of attendances will be kept to a minimum. We will be allowing teacher trainees or support staff trainees to come onto site in controlled numbers.

I am worried about providing food for my family, who can I contact?

As was true during the height of lockdown, the supporttys@welearn365.com email will be available for families to email confidentially with their needs.

Families may be entitled to **benefits related FSM**. If you have had a change in financial circumstances you can apply for Free School Meals at any time online through the Parent Portal <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals> or call Customer Service Centre: on 01926 359189 (Mon – Thu: 9am – 5pm, Fri: 9am – 4:30pm)

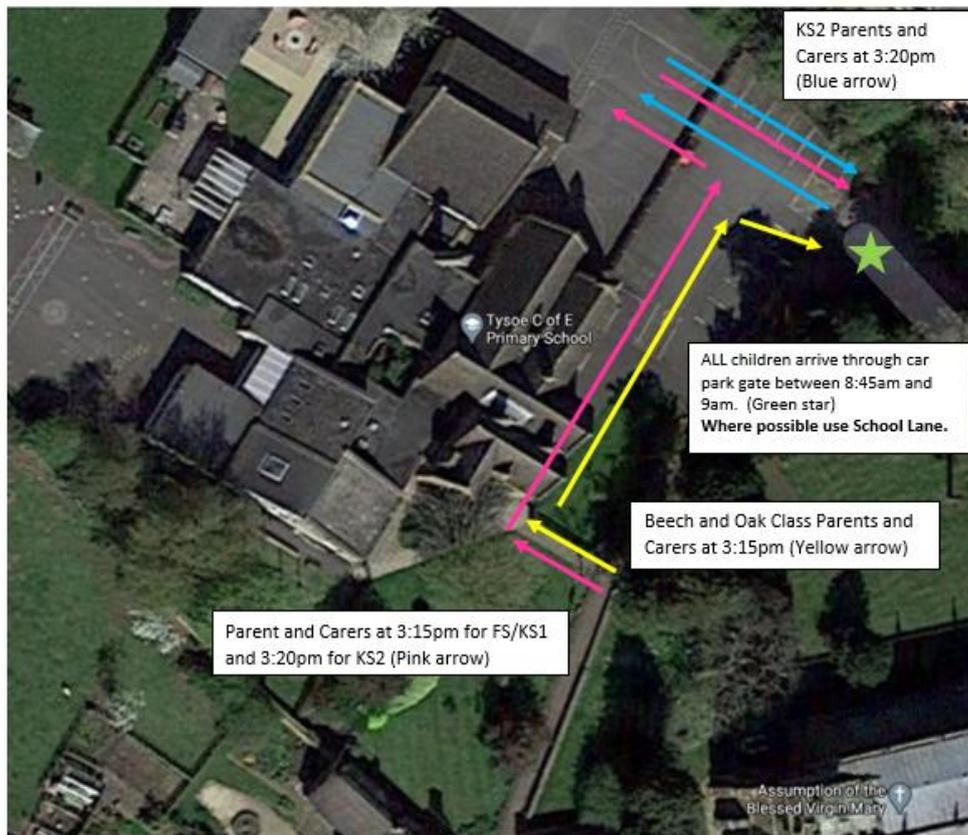
Is there any other independent advice available for families?

The Family Information Service (FIS) is a brilliant 'One Stop Shop' for all sorts: parenting advice, housing, finances etc. For further support you can contact the Family Information Service (Telephone: Family Information Service - 01926 742274; email Family Information Service: fis@warwickshire.gov.uk; webpage : <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families>)

How do I contact school if I have a query?

The school office and site remains closed to parents and carers to comply with our risk assessment. Queries should be directed to supporttys@welearn365.com and these will be passed to the relevant staff member. Any absence should be reported to admin3068@welearn365.com or by telephone on 01295 680244 by 9am.

Where will my child be dropped off and collected?



What if my child is late or needs to be collected early?

It is vital that children are on time for school. Parents are not permitted into the school office and will need to call the school on 01295 680244 while waiting outside the office. A staff member will collect your child or dismiss them to you as soon as possible. Staff will not be able to speak with parents face-to-face and we request parents call or email the school to arrange a convenient time to speak with your child's class teacher if necessary.