



5th March 2021
Newsletter Spring 4

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to next Monday when we will be welcoming all our children back to school! We would be very grateful if you could spend a few moments reading the information below to help us to take all the measures we can to keep our school and the wider community safe. The news is good but we still need to be vigilant and COVID safe.

Return to school

Many of the control measures outlined in the updated guidance are ones that we already had in place during the Autumn term. For the time being we will continue to operate staggered drop off and pick up times.

	MONDAY TO FRIDAY	
	DROP OFF TIME (AM)	PICK UP TIME (pm)
Nursery:	8.55 a.m.	12.00 noon (unless your child is 30 hrs)
Class 1 (Reception & Year 1):	8.55 a.m.	3.00 p.m.
Class 2 (Years 2, 3 & 4):	8.45 a.m.	3.10 p.m.
Families with siblings in both classes:	8.50 a.m.	3.05 p.m.

When you drop off and pick up your child/ren we ask that you wear a face covering and practise social distancing. Please enter and exit the school site quickly to avoid any possible congestion. We appreciate your cooperation in helping to minimize contact with others and reducing the risk of transmission of COVID and ultimately keeping the whole of our school community and beyond safe.

Uniform/ equipment

From **8th March**, we expect all children to wear their **full school uniform** please. We understand that non-essential shops are currently closed, so if your child's feet have grown since December then don't worry, and please just send them in a pair of shoes that are comfortable for now.

The classrooms will be ventilated all day, so children may want to wear an extra layer to ensure they are warm enough. We would also ask parents to make sure that the children have a warm coat and appropriate hat / gloves, etc, in case we get more cold weather. We will be spending time outdoors and the weather can change very quickly!

PE is now on a **Friday** so we would like your child to **come to school wearing their PE kit** so they do not need to change their clothing.

Children will have their own stationary to use in school which will be sanitised, so **please do not send in their own pencil cases, etc.**

Reading books and book bags can be brought to school, and returned books will be quarantined before they are sent out to any other children.

Packed lunches can be brought to school in a **disposable bag** in order to keep the risk of contamination to a minimum when the lunches are stored.

Rapid Lateral Flow testing

About 1 in 3 people with coronavirus do not have symptoms but can still pass it on to others. Regular testing of people without symptoms is important to help stop the virus spreading and protect your loved ones. From 1st March if you are a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil you can get a twice-weekly test. This link [Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff](#) explains how to get a rapid flow test to take at home, twice weekly. These can be accessed through employers (if they offer testing), through collection from a local site (the link enables you to search for your nearest site), or through home delivery.

Sign To Sing

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Sign to sing song! Follow the link to see how amazing our children are!! [Reach out your hand - song](#)

Science Week

Next week is Science Week! We have activities planned next week in school to celebrate Science Week. Please check the school website, Facebook and Twitter to see what the children get up to.

Easter Gardens

Please bring your Easter Garden into school on Thursday 11th March if you would like to enter this week's competition.

Music Lessons in school

Keyboard and guitar lessons will begin in school, week commencing 8th March and violin lessons from 15th March. Please ensure your child brings their musical instrument and any music books to school on the day of their lesson.

If, during this period of partial school closure, there are any specific personal or family circumstances that have arisen and which may affect your child on their return to school, then please let us know so we can support your child appropriately on their return. Please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance if there is any additional information that would be helpful to share.

As we come to the end of this partial school closure and remote learning, we would like to thank you for the overwhelming kindness, generosity and support that you have provided during this challenging time. The feedback you provided regarding the remote learning inspection was extremely encouraging and we feel blessed to be working together with such caring, supportive families.

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support keeping our Tritlington community safe.

Many thanks,

Mrs. K. Stephenson & Mrs. J. O'Dell

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