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Dear Parents,

We are once again very excited about the children returning back to school, they have been brilliant trying their best with engaging with remote learning - but nothing replaces being in a classroom in school!!! We have all missed them so much and we can't wait for the classrooms to be full of the sounds of happy children.

Thank you so much for all your support over the second lockdown - it has definitely been much harder this time, and I'm sure you all agree that we can't wait for things to get back to normal!

Nevertheless, in the meantime all the health and safety provisions that were in place before this lockdown will resume. It seems like rather a long time since Christmas, so I've tried to include all the information you will need for when all the children return on Monday 8th March 2021.

Attendance

It is now statutory for all children to return to school. This means that all children, unless they are Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) and have a shielding letter from the Government or are isolating need to return to school.

If your child has received a CEV letter, this will need to be shared with the school, and a copy taken for our records.

Children with shielding parents or siblings are required to attend school, this is statutory.

Lates

All children will need to be on site by 9am, this is vitally important as we want to ensure traffic through the main school entrance is kept to an absolute minimum. Frequent Lates will result in a meeting with Mrs Kearney or Mrs Bailey. We appreciate your support in this matter.



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Nursery

The Nursery will reopen fully on the 8th March 2021, service will resume as normal. If your child requires a school lunch, they need to be ordered in advance by Thursday 4th March 2021 for the first week back - these can be booked on [Eduspot](#).

Staggered Collections

We have made some further adjustments to the staggered collection times at the end of the day to minimise the waiting times for parents on the school site - please check your child's class times.

Class	END OF THE DAY	Exit
Eric Carle	14.55	Classroom door to infant playground
Beatrix Potter		Classroom door to infant playground
Dr Suess	15.00	Year 1 block to playground
Roger Hargreaves		Andrea to organise one class at a time.
Julia Donaldson	15.05	Classroom door to infant playground
Roald Dahl		Classroom door to infant playground
Riley	15.00	Junior Front Entrance
Rosa Parks	15.05	Y3/4 exit to junior playground
Mandela	15.10	Classroom door to junior playground
Franklin	15.10	Junior Front Entrance
Kahlo	15.05	Y5/6 exit to junior playground
Spielberg	15.10	Y5/6 exit to junior playground
Escher	15.15	Classroom door to junior playground
Windsor	15.15	Classroom door to junior playground

If you have a child in the Juniors - and time overlaps, your child's Junior teacher will ensure that they are safely waiting with them at the collection point - so please don't worry!

Year 6 pupils walking home on their own will exit their class at the normal time. If you wish your child to walk home please email admin.williammartin@dcvst.org so we can inform their teacher.

Social Distancing

Please can you ensure that you maintain 2 metre social distancing in and around the school site. We also ask that you leave the site immediately once you have collected your children to minimise the spread of infection. Wearing masks on site is still mandatory, unless you are exempt, and staff are continuing to wear them in all communal areas.

They will not be wearing them in classrooms.

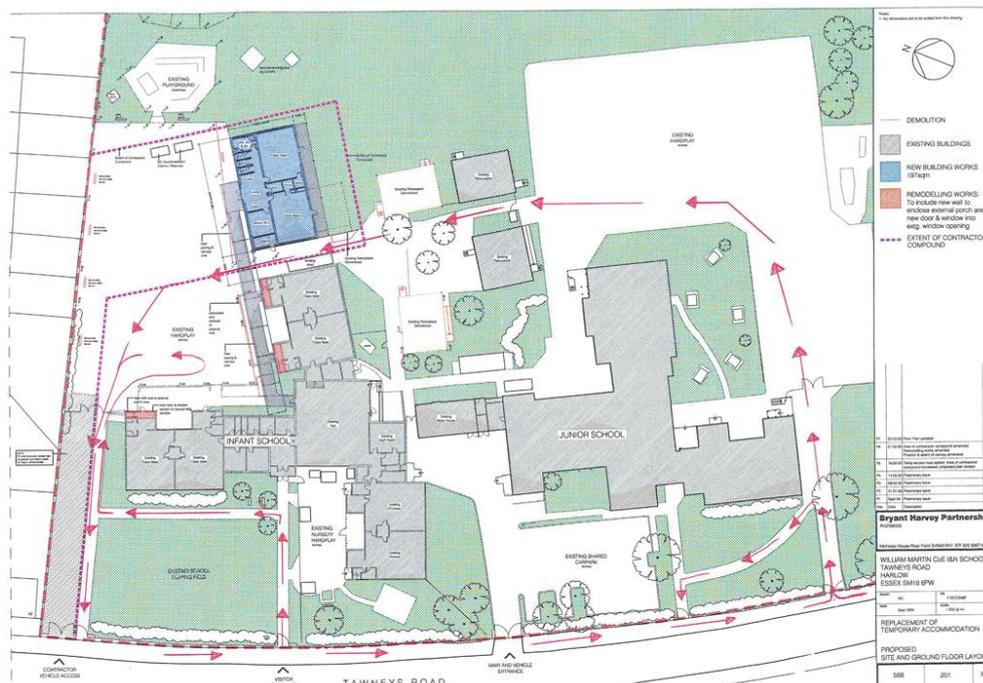
All classrooms continue to have handwashing stations, high levels of hygiene and cleaning will continue as before.



One Way System

Everyone's favourite - the one-way system is back in place again - I have added a diagram of it to remind you all! I must admit I was a little rusty on it, but when I looked at the map it all came flooding back!!!! Mrs Kearney is particularly looking forward to being on the Junior gate again and enforcing it!!!

We would be grateful if everyone can adhere to this as this also helps to keep everyone safe and minimises the risk of infection.



LFD Tests

Staff continue to have twice weekly tests to assist in identifying asymptomatic cases within the school community.

PE Days

What to wear on PE days:

- White/blue T-shirt/Polo shirt
- School jumper or fleece
- Black/ grey/ Navy jogging bottoms (dependant on weather) instead of black/blue shorts.
- Plain black trainers/plimsoles
- No earrings

	PE Day
	Children to attend school wearing their PE kit and plimsoles/black trainers
Reception	Thursday
Year 1	Monday
Year 2	Wednesday
Year 3	Wednesday



Year 4	Thursday
Year 5	Friday
Year 6	Tuesday

Other PE activities will take place during the week through short regular physical activities during our daily dose. Children will not change their clothes for these short sessions.

Earrings

Please can you ensure that children only wear plain studs to school on non-PE days. This is for health and safety reasons.

Lunches

A reminder that school lunches need to be ordered in advance by Thursday 4th March 2021 for the first week back - these can be booked on [Eduspot](#).

Breakfast Club

A reminder that Breakfast Club needs to be booked in advance by Thursday 4th March 2021 for the first week back - this can be booked on [Eduspot](#).

Book Bags

To continue to keep cross contact to a minimum, **children should not bring a bookbag or bag to school on any day** of the week. Reasonable adjustments have been made for certain pupils.

Books and reading records will be given out on a Monday and need to be returned on a Friday so that they can be left for 48 hours before being redistributed. Parents may have a bag in the playground in which to put the book to transport to and from school.

This will be reviewed as lockdown eases.

Admissions Arrangements

The consultation on Admission Arrangement for 2022-2023 is almost complete, I have made some adjustments to the order of the tie-break criteria following advice from Essex Admissions. To see these adjustments please go to the [Information Hub](#) on the website.

Internet Safety Poster Competition

Congratulations to the following children who have won a prize for their poster in the Safer Internet Poster Competition during Safer Internet Week. They are:

Truth Blunderfield	Alexander Bolt
Justice Blunderfield	Daisy Hewett
Samuel Dhakal	Mya-Faith Gibson
Sophia Abbot	
Sophie Stiller	
Tawfeeq Yussif	
Noah Gunter	



Poster by Truth Blunderfield



Children will receive their prizes from Mrs Bailey when they return to school.

World Book Day

A separate letter is being sent out by Mrs Wood and Mrs Richardson regarding World Book Day which is on Thursday 4th March 2021. Children can dress up for class zoom calls if they wish, but we recognise for the majority of parents that organising outfits is difficult at this time, so this is entirely optional.

Apologies for an extremely long letter but we wanted to make sure we've covered everything, if you are worried about anything please do either ring the Office or email them on admin.williammartin@dcvst.org and hopefully they will be able to answer your question or set your mind at ease.

Have a fantastic weekend - and once again thank you for all your support - we couldn't do this without it!

Very best wishes

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