

26th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Primary – March Return

I am writing to you today with the great news that **all schools** have been asked by the Government to prepare to open, with all pupils required to attend school from **Monday 8th March 2021**.

As always, our priority is the safety and wellbeing of the children, your family, and our staff. In this letter I will briefly explain how we will be re-opening safely.

Below are the measures how we as a school will be set up to prevent the potential spread of the coronavirus (lots of these measures are the same as when we were last open to all pupils).

Please note that if your child is well and no-one in the household has symptoms, attending school from 8th March is required. We will of course be supporting the pupils as they return, ensuring that they are comfortable and confident with all the arrangements we have in place.

Summary of Measures

Our preparations closely follow the guidance from the Government. You can read the advice by searching for '[DfE What parents need to know during COVID-19.](#)'

The best way for us to control the virus is by putting in place measures to prevent it spreading in school. You can read more in the attached note, but in short it means:

- We have completed an in-depth risk assessment which has been reviewed by the academy's local health and safety committee.
- Everyone washing their hands well, and more often
- Everyone following 'Catch it, bin it, kill it' when blowing their nose
- We will continue to clean the school, and areas where lots of people are (like the dining area), more often
- Class groups will remain as 'bubbles', where children only interact with their class teacher and classmates
- The same staggered starts/finishes to school for each class group to minimise mixing
- For primary-aged pupils, there is no in-class social distancing required. However, we are implementing a 'no touching' policy from year 1 upwards (no hugging, high fives, hand holding etc.)
- If your child has a school-issued laptop or iPad, they are required to bring it in, fully charged, to be used in school

What happens if a child has symptoms?

As previously it is so important that children or staff do not come to school and self-isolate for at least 10 days if they:

- Have symptoms or have had a positive test
- Live with someone who has symptoms or has tested positive and are a household contact
- Are a close contact of someone who has coronavirus (COVID-19)

If anyone develops symptoms at school, they will have to return home to self-isolate, and all those who have been in close contact will also be required to self-isolate.

There will be more information sent out to you next week but if you have any questions/concerns please contact us by email on admin@oasistemple.org

Thank you for your on-going support of the staff and the Academy. To open safely, we will need everyone to continue to follow all the safety measures carefully.

Until 8th March, we continue to welcome children of critical workers and those identified as vulnerable at school, and will support all other children with their remote learning. We look forward to being back together again soon.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Crew
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