**Reception - School Reopening Monday 8th March 2021**

**We are very excited and pleased to have all of our children back in school!**

* **School will be open every day for your child from Monday 8th March 2021, but start and finish times continue to be staggered for different Yeargroups. This is to reduce the risks of cross contamination between parents and children as much as is possible**
* **Your child will be in a normal class size, but they will be in a Yeargroup bubble for break times, lunchtimes and also work with children from the parallel class for some outside and inside learning and activities**

* **Starting time for your child will be 9.00am**
* **Finish time for your child will be 2.55pm**
* **Children should wear normal school uniform to school, including proper black school shoes not trainers**
* **Please do not bring your child into school if they show symptoms of Corvid 19**
* **Schools are responsible for purchasing all the extra cleaning materials & resources to use during this time. If parents could please provide a pack of disinfectant wipes ( preferably bio degradable) to be used in their child’s classroom base / on door handles etc, we would be so grateful**

**Class and classroom arrangements**

* **We will continue to take the children’s temperatures every morning**
* **Children will all sit at tables, next to class mates, facing the front of the classroom**
* **There will be assembly filmed in the hall, but your child will stay in the classroom and be part of it**
* **All soft toys, cushions continue to have have been removed from all classrooms**
* **Children will eat hot lunches / packed lunches, in their classrooms**
* **The school library will not be used by children as yet**
* **Classroom windows and doors will be left open, so there is good ventilation, although the heating will be on until the weather is warmer**
* **PHSE and games to encourage mental well being and being back in school will continue to be a focus for teachers at the start of this period of school return, especially for those children who were not in school last term**
* **Children will need their own named water bottle, which will come home with them every evening**
* **Books will now be able to be taken home from the Yeargroup for children to read at home**
* **PE kits will need to be brought into school in a named bag as children will do inside and outside PE**

**Hygiene in school**

* **School will be “deep cleaned” during the Easter holiday and every half term there-after, using specialised, fogged disinfectant sprays.**
* **We will continue to ensure children wash their hands on entering school, before break time, after break time, before lunch, after lunch and before going home, after using the toilets**
* **Laptop keys and shared resources will be wiped after use during the day when needed and at the end of the day**
* **Hard resources used will be disinfected and left to dry overnight**
* **All classrooms will be cleaned every night, including tables, door handles, hard surfaces etc**
* **Door handles etc will also be wiped during the school day**
* **Children will use the toilets they normally use for that Yeargroup**
* **Staff may wear gloves, masks or transparent visors in school**

**Social Distancing**

* **We will encourage some social distancing, but children still need to be able to socialise, play together and we do not wish to scare them into thinking it is wrong to do that. Close contact eg hugging will be discouraged, but building a lego model together, side by side, or talking to each other would be unrealistic to prevent**
* **We have a one way system around the exterior of school, clearly marked by yellow arrows.**
* **Arrows are down each side of the main corridor, to support children flowing freely down the corridor, yet getting to where they need to go**
* **There will not be any clubs until after Easter and they will be outside clubs only for specific Yeargroups**

**Parents**

* **One parent to drop off / pick up please**
* **Parents to please wear a mask when entering the school grounds**
* **Parents are not allowed in the school building without a pre arranged appointment**
* **Parents may make an appointment via emailing / telephoning the office to meet their child’s teacher, Mrs Howard or Mrs MacGregor**
* **The drop off car bay will not be open, to allow safe passage for the children and parents entering school ( Please park on the road considerately, in the layby at the bottom of Glebe Road, or in the car park of the Rose and Crown)**
* **If at all possible please walk to school instead of using a car**
* **Please follow the one way route, entering through the pedestrian gate by the carpark, marked by yellow arrows around the exterior of the school**

**( except for children based in the Chestnut classroom who may enter through the same entrance, but just walk down the steps to wait at a safe social distance)**

* **Social distancing tape will be on the playground outside every classroom**
* **When dropping off your child, please don’t arrive on the school site more than 5 – 10 minutes before the doors open for your child’s class**
* **All parents to drop off / pick up their child, then promptly leave the school site**
* **Children should not be down on the bottom playground or the field playing, before the start of the school day**
* **Please do not allow your child / children to play on the school field at the start or the end of the school day**
* **If your child walks home alone, encourage them not to hang around the school to play with friends**
* **If there is a problem please phone the office / email the office and teachers will telephone you when they are able to**
* **Let the office know if there has been a family bereavement or difficult family circumstance during the lockdown period, so we can support your child appropriately.**