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Return to School for all Year Groups – September 2020

Schools across the country have been asked to fully re-open from September 2020 to all year groups. Having revised our Covid Risk Assessment we are ready to reopen to all children in line with Government guidance **from Thursday 3rd September 2020**. We are currently getting daily updated guidance from the government. The following information describes our plans for September based on the current guidance but if we get any further guidance which results in the need to change any of our plans before September we will let you know via ParentMail.



The most important message we can get across to parents in order to protect our school community and wider families is: **Stay Alert**. **If you, your child, or anyone in your household, has a new continuous cough and/or a high temperature (above 37.8°C) and/or a loss of, or change in, your/their normal sense of taste or smell YOU MUST STAY AT HOME. Children with any of these symptoms MUST NOT BE SENT TO SCHOOL – this is for the safety of other children, their families and school staff.**

The first person in the household to have symptoms of COVID-19 must stay at home for at least **7 days**, but all other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for **14 days**. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. For anyone else in the household who starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for at least 7 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14-day isolation period. **Staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the school and wider community.**

TEST AND TRACE: The NHS 'Test and Trace' programme is a vital part of the plans to allow more children back into schools. Parents must book a test if they or their children have symptoms via https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested. All children can be tested, including children under 5, but children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their parents/carers if using a home testing kit. Details will need to be provided of anyone the person being tested has been in close contact with if they were to test positive for COVID-19 or if asked by NHS Test and Trace. Those who have been in close contact with anyone who tests positive must self-isolate (eg any face to face contact within 1m, any contact within 1-2m for more than 15 minutes, travelling in a car or other small vehicle…). COVID-19 tests can be booked via this link: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/ or ordered by phoning NHS 119 (for those without access to the internet). On receiving test results the following action must be taken:

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- **A negative test result** – if they feel well and no longer have COVID-19 symptoms they can stop self-isolating. Other members of their household can stop self-isolating.
- **A positive test result** – they must follow the stay at home guidance and MUST continue to self-isolate for at least 7 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. Continue to self-isolate if they have a high temperature – until it returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days.

Why can more children go to school?



It is good for children's mental wellbeing.



It is good for children to socialise with other children.



School is the best place for them to learn.

The rationale for fully re-opening Schools in September to all pupils is that:

- The prevalence of coronavirus (COVID-19) has decreased;
- The NHS Test and Trace system is up and running;
- Public Health England is clear about the measures that need to be in place to create safer environments within schools;
- Returning to school is vital for children's education and for their wellbeing;
- The risk to children themselves of becoming severely ill from coronavirus is low and there are negative health impacts of being out of school;
- Lower academic achievement translates into long-term economic costs due to having a less well-qualified workforce;
- For many households, school closures have also affected their ability to work. As the economy begins to recover, the Government needs to remove this barrier so parents and carers can return to work.

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How are you making sure school is safe?



We will check for risks before school is open.



Everyone will wash their hands regularly.



If a child or family member is sick they can not come to school.



School will be cleaned regularly.

We have carried out our Risk Assessments, acting on advice from the Government. School is subject to a heightened cleaning programme and the children in school will have to follow the protocol of regular handwashing and hygiene.

The overarching principle applied during this stage will be to reduce the number of contacts between children and between staff. This will be achieved through keeping class groups separate in 'bubbles' and through maintaining distancing between individuals. These are not alternative options and both measures will help. In younger children the balance will be on separating groups from other groups (adults and children) and for older children, distancing (between adults and children and between children and children). All children in school will be supported to maintain distance and not to touch staff where possible. Both of the approaches (separating groups and maintaining distance) are not seen as 'all-or-nothing' options, and will still bring benefits even if implemented partially.

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What else might change?



The time you drop off and pick up your child.



We will change how we serve lunch.

Drop-off and pick-up arrangements for parents and children are absolutely crucial during this stage.

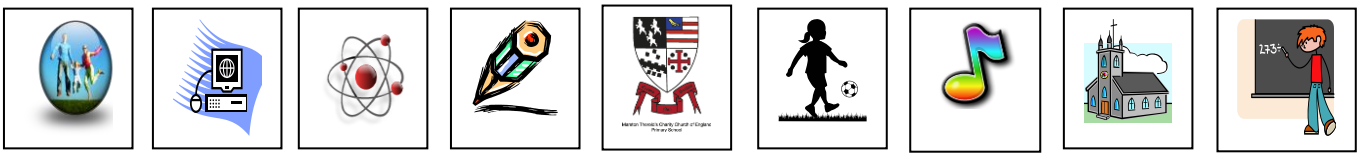
Parents and carers doing school drop-offs, MUST adhere strictly to the timings and guidelines. Please read this information really carefully.

Year Group	Class teacher	Entry point and time	Exit point and time
EYFS	Miss Cant	Playground, side door 8.45am	Playground 3.20pm
Y1/2	Mrs Parker	Playground, music room door 8.45am	Playground 3.20pm
Y3/4	Miss Graney	Playground, Y3/4 door 8.50am	Playground 3.25pm
Y5/6	Mr Woolerton	Playground, Y6 side entrance 8.55am	Playground 3.30pm

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DROP-OFF and PICK UP: ONE ADULT ONLY can do the drop-off or the pick-up from school. Entry for all of the classes will now be at the usual playground gate. **You must be ready at the time for your child's drop-off or pick-up. Parents must stand with approximately 2 metres between them and the next parent. This is absolutely crucial to protecting our school. STRICT SOCIAL DISTANCING MUST BE PRACTISED BY ALL ADULTS.**

THERE CAN BE NO PLAYING OR RUNNING AROUND AND THE ADULTS DOING THE DROP-OFFS CANNOT ENTER THE BUILDING OR EXPECT TO INTERACT WITH STAFF (sharing messages and information).

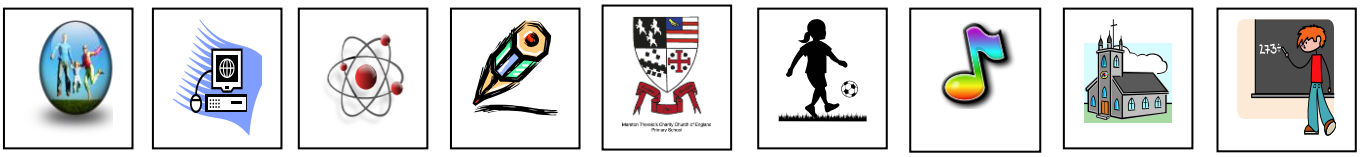
LESSONS: Lessons may have a slightly different content to what might normally be expected, for various reasons. However, we will be aiming to deliver the full breadth of the curriculum and we will be putting into place our 'healing the gap' curriculum based around five key elements to counteract the effects of the pandemic on children's lives and learning: Security, Boundaries, Significance, Community and Creativity. We will be looking, through this work, to counteract the loss of routine, loss of structure, loss of friendship, loss of opportunity and loss of freedom during the wider closure of schools. We will be working from where children are in their learning, we will be repeating and reinforcing previous learning, we will be providing fun, positive and fulfilling experiences, we will be focusing on building learning skills.

LUNCHTIMES: Lunchtimes will be carefully organised to ensure that each group eats and plays separated from the other groups in school. Classes will eat their lunches in their classrooms. Similarly, playtimes, handwashing and use of the toilets will be carefully organised to achieve separation. The class groups will be kept separate at all times during the school day with the exception of EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2. Due to the small number of children in these classes they will sometimes be grouped together as one bubble. This will still make a bubble which is smaller than an average primary class.

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SCHOOL DINNERS: Cold school dinners are available for all children and can be booked via Farm kitchen. Those children entitled to Free School Meals and children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who have a Universal Infant Free School Meal entitlement will continue to receive their free meal if it is booked by parents or carers for them.

BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB: Following government guidance we aim to resume our breakfast and after-school provision to support working families. As you can imagine this is logistically challenging for our school. We are unable to run three separate breakfast and after school clubs to mirror the class separation we will be able to achieve during the school day. However, we will endeavour to keep the children in our wrap around care in small consistent groups and maintain social distancing from children in other class bubbles wherever possible, using different tables/spaces etc. to achieve this. Please book these clubs with Inspire+ in advance if you need to use them to allow us to plan this provision carefully.

OTHER AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS: Sadly, we will not be able to provide any other after school clubs for the first term and will not be taking children on any school trips.

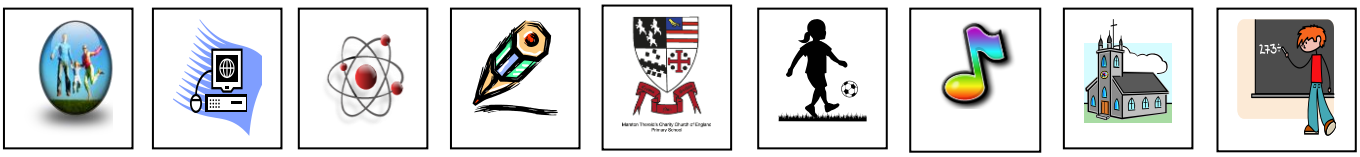
STAFF: Staff will work at a distance from the children wherever they possibly can, for their own safety. Personal Protective Equipment will only be used for certain specified tasks or if a child has to be isolated due to COVID-19 symptoms (parents would be informed immediately and asked to take their child home straightaway) and the child could not be left alone (a room has been set aside for isolation and staff will remain with children awaiting collection only if it is strictly necessary). Staff will now (under the latest guidance) be able to work with different groups of children, but will remain with one fixed group of children wherever they possibly can and maintain distance.

COMMUNICATION: **All communication with school must be by email or telephone. Parents cannot visit the school office without an appointment during this time and MUST NOT enter the building. All payments should be made via ParentMail wherever possible**.

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UNIFORM: The children are asked to wear our normal school uniform. Wearing school uniform supports 'normality' and the re-entry to school after a period of time, for many children, away from school. Cloakrooms will not be accessible during this period of time and no PE changing will be able to take place, which is why we will ask that on certain designated days (communicated on the first newsletter of the term) PE clothes will need to be worn all day. There will be no contact sports.

READING BOOKS: Reading books can now be sent home. This has changed with the easing of restrictions. However, class reading books will only be sent out on Mondays (following 48 hours of 'quarantine' in school over the weekend) and returned on Fridays. Any books not returned on the Friday will not be swapped until the following Monday.

Sun hat (and sun cream if not applied before school – staff cannot apply sun cream), water bottle, coat, (lunchbox) and what they are wearing is all any individual child will need.

MEDICINES: All administration of medicines must be arranged, by telephone/email, with the school office. Handover of medicines will then be arranged and administration planned.

Does my child have to come to school ?

ATTENDANCE: The usual rules on school attendance will apply from September, including: parents' duty to secure that their child attends regularly at school where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age; schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence. A very small number of school age pupils will still be unable to attend schools in line with public health advice because they are self-isolating and have had symptoms or a positive test result themselves; or because they are a close contact of someone who has coronavirus. Where this is the case, the Department for Education expects schools to be able to immediately offer these pupils access to remote education: "School at Home". If our local area sees a spike in infection

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rates that is resulting in localised community spread, appropriate authorities will decide which measures to implement to help contain the spread.

What if there is a case of Coronavirus in school?

Individuals must follow the guidance set out above. Any cases in school will be followed up with Public Health England and guided accordingly. This is a clear part of the Government's strategy to return all pupils to school. Alertness on the part of parents is essential and adherence to 2 metre social distancing (for adults), segregation of classes (for children), increased cleaning regimes and isolation of those with symptoms (adults and children) is essential for the protection of children, families and staff at this time. YOUR PARTNERSHIP IN THIS IS CRUCIAL.

Kind regards

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