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March 8th Reopening

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the Government announcements last week, we are very much looking forward to pupils returning to school on **Monday March 8th 2021**. After receiving Government guidance, we have gone through a careful planning and risk assessment process with our usual primary focus on ensuring the safety of pupils and staff. We are now in a position to share our plans for re-opening.

School re-open arrangements:

Week beginning Monday 8th March, all pupils will be welcomed back into school full time. School will run as it did before the January lockdown, making use of our carefully planned zones and bubble arrangements with slightly staggered starts and ends to the day. I have included below a summary of the start/end times and entrances for the different year groups as a reminder. A full copy of our risk assessment can be found on our school website at <https://www.pyegreen.staffs.sch.uk/school-information>.

	Start Time	Which gate?	End Time
Nursery	8:45am 12.30pm	Green Heath Road	11.45am 3.30pm
Reception	Arrive between 8:45 – 9am	Main Entrance	3.00pm
Year 1	Arrive between 8:45 – 9am	Green Heath Road	3.00pm
Year 2	Arrive between 8:45 – 9am	Rosehill	3.00pm
Year 3	Arrive between 9 – 9:15am	Green Heath Road	3:15pm
Year 4	Arrive between 9 – 9:15am	Main Entrance	3:15pm
Year 5	Arrive between 9 – 9:15am	Rosehill	3:15pm
Year 6	Arrive at 9:15am	Rosehill	3:30pm

The 15 minutes arrival time will give parents time to drop children at different gates if needed. Please do not ask if children can be dropped off at alternative gates as this will not be possible.

Key Information

Free School Meals & School Lunches :

From 8th March, vouchers will stop as the free school meal provision will be provided in school. We have a new catering provider and pupils can enjoy meals served within their classrooms using cutlery. School lunches will be chosen by pupils, with their teacher each morning and can be paid for in the usual manner via Parent Pay.

Borrowed Laptops:

All laptops that have been loaned to families must be returned on the afternoon of **Friday 5th March** to the school office. Staff will be available to check them back in from **12:30 until 4pm**. If your child has to isolate again, the laptop will be reallocated.

Below are some answers to questions parents may have. I have tried to make the information clear but if you do have further questions please feel free to contact your child's teacher or contact the school office.

Do I have to send my child to school ?

- All school aged children are expected to attend school fulltime. Our usual attendance procedures will apply.
- If children are unwell, they must not attend school and you should notify the office.

What if someone in my family has Coronavirus symptoms?

- Get advice from NHS 111 or Covid 119 if you're worried about your child and not sure what to do.
- If your child or anyone in your household has symptoms of Covid-19, you need to self-isolate.
- You should book a test through the national system and inform us of the outcome.
- We can help you with this if you are not sure what to do.

What happens if I am running late?

- All gates will close at 9:20am.
- Please help us by arriving at the times stated above.
- If in **exceptional** circumstances you are late, please make your way to the main entrance and call the office from the red gate. A member of staff will then come to you.

Will my child need a PE kit?

- Your child must come to school in their PE kit on the day they have PE. Further information about the days will be available from your class teacher.
- School uniform must be worn on the remaining days.
- Trainers must not be worn – please ensure children have appropriate, black school shoes.

Will my child be able to bring anything to school with them?

- A clean, **named** water bottle can be brought into school daily.
- Lunchboxes can be brought in to school.
- No other bags or items are to be in school.

Will my child have a reading book/spelling book to bring home?

- Reading books will begin to be sent home from Monday 15th March as previously planned. Information will be sent home detailing when and how books will be returned and cleaned/quarantined before reallocation.

Can my child have a lunch and tuck still?

- School lunches will be served in disposable containers.

- Children will be provided with cutlery.
- Children will eat in their classrooms.
- Tuck will **not** be available but children can bring a HEALTHY snack for break time. Please do not send crisps or chocolate.
- Free fruit for KS1 pupils will be available.

Will there be after school clubs and educational visits?

- Visitors allowed onsite are limited - this will be regularly reviewed.
- No trips will be organised for the foreseeable future - this will be regularly reviewed.
- After school clubs will not commence after Easter. More information will be shared with you on the weekly newsletter.

Will Care Club be open?

- Yes, but it will run in much smaller bubbles.
- Mrs Thomas can be contacted at dthomas@pyegreen.uwmat.co.uk for further details or if you have any queries.

Can I still pop to the office to speak to staff?

- Initially, please email your child's class teacher with any queries.
- If your query can not be answered via email, please call the school office and ask for the class teacher or another member of staff to call you.
- For further discussions, please make an appointment with the school office and a socially distanced meeting will be arranged if possible.

What are the cleaning arrangements?

- All classrooms will have cleaning materials, hand sanitiser, tissues etc.
- Children will be expected to wash their hands regularly for 20 seconds at a time and use hand sanitiser.
- Our school cleaners will be in school throughout the day cleaning touch points, toilets and the classrooms when the children are outdoors.

Can my child wear a mask in school?

- No children should wear masks in school
- Anyone who comes to school in a mask will need to remove it at the gates.
- Masks must be worn on public transport.
- There will be guidance of how to safely remove masks at the school gates.
- Lidded bins will be provided at the school gates.

I am aware that there is a lot of detail here and that some of you may still have further questions. Please email enquiries@pyegreen.uwmat.co.uk or call the school office with any questions and we will do our best to answer them.

Take care and stay safe,

Emma Ingram
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