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Dear Parents and Carers,

All pupils will return to school on **Monday 8th of March 2021**. We are really looking forward to having all of our children back in school. Our aim, as always, is to remain fully open going forward, but this relies upon the cooperation of our whole community. Please read the information attached here carefully so that we can all work together to make school as safe as we possibly can.

All children should come to school on **Monday 8th of March 2021** unless they have symptoms of Coronavirus (Covid-19) or you have spoken to the Headteacher. You may have mixed feelings about this, from relief through to anxiety. We understand that. We can assure you that we are continuously implementing a system of controls to create a safer environment for pupils and staff where the risk of transmission of infection is substantially reduced.

Drop off/Collection

We will continue the same approach used from September in that there will be staggered start and finish times for each class and pupils should enter via their specific door.

Class/Year Group	Entrance	Start	Finish
Firecrest EYFS Miss Nixon/Mrs Cooper	EYFS	8.50am	3.20pm
Goldfinch EYFS Mrs Wilson	EYFS	9.00am	3.30pm
Dove Year 1 Miss Rouault	Y1 Door	8.30am	3.00pm
Puffin Year 1 Mrs Shepherd	Y1 Door	8.40am	3.10pm
Kingfisher Year 2 Miss Humber/Mrs Swain	Y2 Kingfisher door	8.30am	3.00pm
Robin Year 2 Miss Greenhill	Y2 Robin door	8.40am	3.10pm
Nightingale Year 3 Mrs Nuthall/Mrs Maxwell	Main office/reception	9.00am	3.30pm
Skylark Year 3 Mr Kenny	Main office/reception	8.50am	3.20pm
Kestrel Year 4 Miss Dabell	Main office/reception	8.40am	3.10pm
Merlin Year 4 Mr Breedon	Main office/reception	8.30am	3.00pm
Goshawk Year 5 Miss Pell	Nest door, KS2 playground	8.30am	3.00pm
Peregrine Year 5 Mr Dutton	Nest door, KS2 playground	8.50am	3.20pm
Eagle Year 6 Miss McGregor	Main hall, KS2 playground	8.40am	3.10pm

Falcon Year 6 Miss Plummer	Main hall, KS2 playground	9.00am	3.30pm
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- Our system for supporting siblings will remain the same and they can use the main hall. You will have been contacted about this previously.
- It is crucial you stick to your allocated time.
- Do not arrive early and queue. We must limit the number of people gathering on the school site to reduce the risk of transmission.
- Do not arrive late as you are putting people at risk by crossing bubbles.
- Pupils should be supervised at all times and should not be mixing/playing with other pupils while you are waiting to enter.
- All adults must wear a face covering.
- Only one adult per family will be permitted on site.
- Adults must maintain 2 metres distance from one another.
- All families must follow the one-way system around school.
- Leave the school premises immediately after dropping off/collecting your children.

These measures are in place for the safety of the whole community and so that school remains fully open. I should not have to be constantly reminding people or arguing with people about the rules we have in place.

Road safety

Please remember to park safely and be considerate of our community when dropping off and collecting children. This includes turning off engines, even if you are sat in the car, to keep our environment as safe as possible for all our children.

Returning electronic devices

If you have loaned a Chromebook or any other electronic device from school, please return them by Friday 12th of March at the latest. Remember to include charging leads and cables. Devices are to be sent in with your child and handed in to their class teacher. The device will be sanitised and inspected by our technicians for fair wear and tear. If the condition is unsatisfactory, we will contact you to discuss this. Please report any damage to the school office prior to sending the device back.

Uniform

Children should wear school uniform. The increased ventilation required in school to reduce the transmission of the virus means the building is colder than normal. You may therefore choose to send your child to school in either summer or winter uniform depending on the weather. Extra layers are permitted if they feel cold in school.

PE

PE lessons will continue as they were in the Autumn Term. Class teachers will send a Class Dojo to remind you which day this is. This will start from Monday 8th of March 2021.

Equipment

Children must limit what they bring to school. They MUST bring their own water bottle to school every day. We do not have the budget to keep providing disposable cups and it also increases the risk of transmission through using communal facilities. They should only bring their book bag, reading book, coat/hat and lunch.

Lunches

EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 can have a hot meal in the dining hall or bring their own packed lunch.

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 can order a packed lunch from the school kitchen or bring their own. We are constantly reviewing how we can provide a hot meal for more pupils but currently this is not possible.

Wellbeing and mental health

We fully understand that many children have struggled during lockdown and we are well prepared to address any additional needs or concerns our children may have when they return to school. There will be a greater focus on mental health activities and consolidating previous work so that we can support each child individually in the best possible way when they return. As ever, we work in partnership with you as parents and carers and encourage you to discuss with us any worries that you may have so that we can work together for the best needs of your child.

Appointments with staff in school

In line with our risk assessment, we are reducing the number of people entering the school building to the minimum necessary. Therefore, you are asked to phone or email school rather than come to the office. The office is used as an entrance/exit point and so can get quite busy so please use alternative means of contacting us. You can use Class Dojo to speak to the class teacher, although their responses may not be immediate with all our pupils back in school. Staff will be happy to make a telephone appointment or email you to discuss any aspect of your child's wellbeing or academic development.

Staff preparation for re-opening

There may be a reduction in live lessons on Friday 8th of March as teachers will need to be in school to set up their classrooms ready to welcome back all of the pupils. Some staff have more arrangements to make than others due to the nature of their setting so please be flexible on this day in the knowledge of this.

Measures in place to reduce transmission of Covid-19

We will:

- Minimise contact with individuals who are required to self-isolate by ensuring they do not attend the school.
- Ensure face coverings are used by staff in corridors and communal areas and by all adults entering the school site.
- Ensure rigorous hand washing/sanitising arrangements are in place several times a day and children are taught the importance of thorough hand hygiene.
- Ensure good respiratory hygiene for everyone by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- Maintain enhanced cleaning, including frequently touched surfaces often.
- Minimise contact across the site using bubbles, zones and maintaining social distancing wherever possible.
- Keep occupied spaces well ventilated.
- Staff will be taking part in twice weekly asymptomatic testing. There is some pending guidance about this being available for all families at home too.

Pupils, staff and other adults must not come into school if:

- They have one or more coronavirus (Covid-19) symptoms.
- A member of their household (including someone in their support bubble or childcare bubble) has coronavirus (Covid-19) symptoms.
- They are required to quarantine having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area.
- They have had a positive test.

They must immediately cease to attend and not attend for at least 10 days from the day after:

- the start of their symptoms
- the test date if they did not have symptoms but have had a positive test (whether this was a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test).

Anyone told to isolate by NHS Test and Trace or by their public health protection team has a legal obligation to self-isolate.

If your child develops one or more symptoms of coronavirus over the course of the day, including a new continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste and smell, you will be called to collect them immediately. They will need to isolate until they have had a PCR test. If positive, they will need to isolate that day and the next 10 full days.

You will be asked to follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (Covid-19) infection. You will be asked to have a test as soon as possible. Other members of the household (including any siblings and members of their support or childcare bubble) should self-isolate. The isolation period includes the day symptoms started for the first person in their household, or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms, and the next 10 full days.

If a member of the household starts to display symptoms while self-isolating they will need to restart the 10 day isolation period and book a test.

If anyone tests positive whilst not experiencing symptoms but develops symptoms during the isolation period, they must restart the 10 day isolation period from the day they developed symptoms.

How can you support your child?

Children will be taught the importance of hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene and social distancing. We encourage you to reinforce these messages at home with your children.

- You can teach them how to wash their hands thoroughly.
- You can talk to them about the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach to respiratory hygiene.
- You could also talk to them about the kinds of games they can play on the playground that avoid them touching or having close contact with one another.

We must also insist that you are following government guidelines outside of the school gates. We understand that it has been a long term under some very tough restrictions, but we must all continue to do our very best and follow the rules so that we can get back to normal as quickly as possible.

National Primary School is a very special place to work, learn, play and pray together. This is because of our whole school community: our parents, staff, governors and children are all united in faith and a shared vision. We have also come this far

together by working hard to keep our community as safe as possible. We cannot wait to be back together and are so excited to see all the children returning to school. We look forward to enabling them once again to “grow together in learning, love and faith” as we work together in hope for the future.

Yours faithfully,
Sarah Barratt
Headteacher