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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you and your families are well. I am sure you are aware of the Prime Minister's recent statement that schools will re-open to **all** pupils from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Everyone: children, parents and staff have put a huge amount of effort into making sure that remote learning has been as successful as possible. I am under no illusion how difficult this has been for many of you and the sacrifices you have made to ensure your children could engage. It can never replace face to face learning in school but the collective effort has been monumental.

We intend to start where we left off at the end of last term with the following arrangements for the start and the end of the school day:

**Arrangements and timings for start of term**

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Drop off time</b>	<b>Pick up Time</b>	<b>Entrance/drop off/pick up</b>
Reception	9am	3pm	Reception Gate
Year 1	8.45am	2.45pm	Reception Gate
Year 2	9am	3pm	Egg Bridge Lane Gate Drop off/pick up area marked on the playground
Year 3	8.45am	3.10pm	Village Hall Gate Drop off/pick up at top of slope next to bike racks
Year 4	9.05am	3.30pm	Village Hall Gate Drop off/pick up at top of slope next to bike racks
Year 5	8.55am	3.20pm	Drop off/Pick up at Village Hall Gate
Year 6	8.45am	3.10pm	Drop off/Pick up at Egg Bridge Gate

I would like to re-iterate the importance of parents/guardians social distancing when arriving at school to drop off and pick up children, whether that is within the school grounds or outside the school gates. Only **one** parent/guardian should be present and should aim to arrive at the allotted entrance as close as possible to the expected time and leave as soon as possible afterwards. **Masks need to be worn at the entrance to the school and remain on whilst on the school grounds.**

Other things to note:

- The overarching principle we still need to apply is to reduce the number of contacts between children and staff.
- Children will be in their class groups throughout the day, including at lunchtimes and playtimes, where they will have their own separate areas.
- In most classes the desks will be forward facing with the children sitting in rows facing the front.
- Children do not have to socially distance from each other within their bubble, although they will be encouraged to do so.
- Staff will be expected to limit their contact with the children and other adults.
- There will be regular handwashing throughout the day using soap and water or hand sanitiser.
- Enhanced cleaning routines, including regular cleaning of frequently touched surfaces.
- Extra hand sanitiser units have been strategically attached to walls outside all classroom doors.
- The adults working with the children will remain consistent, although there is room in the guidance to allow for staff to work with different classes, which will allow for PPA cover to be similar to how it has been in the past.
- Staff will wear masks in corridors and communal areas, when giving first aid or if working 1 to 1 with a child.
- Our intention is to continue to provide a broad and balanced curriculum, assessing where any gaps may lie, but recognise that, particularly when the children first return, children will need help adjusting to being back at school.
- There will be a continued focus on children's emotional well-being.

The children do not need to bring in any of their own stationery – we will provide everything they need. They can bring in book bags, lunch bags and water bottles – although we will of course have water available for those who do not have one.

### **Before and after school care**

Thank you to all the parents who responded to request for places in our Before and After School Club. The club will operate from the school hall in class bubbles from 7.30- until start of the school day and from end of the school day until 6pm. If you haven't requested a place but require one, please contact club as soon as possible.

Contact details for the club:

Karen Mellors – Manager

Email: [wosc@waverton.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:wosc@waverton.cheshire.sch.uk)

### **Reference:**

Updated link from the DFE for parents:

[Keeping children safe online for parents and carers](#)

Schools are a mirror of what happens in the community so it remains vital that everyone continues to follow the rules to ensure transmission of the virus is as low as possible. We have been asked to remind parents to avoid the temptation of arranging playdates and meeting indoors or outdoors with others except for those within the family bubble/support bubble.

We intend to make the return to school as normal as possible for all the children. We know that the children will be experiencing a range of emotions between anxiety and excitement. The teachers and support staff are all here to help ensure the children are listened to and feel safe and happy. We are very much looking forward to seeing everyone together again.

I will write to you again at the end of next week with any further updates and reminders.

Yours sincerely,

*S J Talbot*

Mr S Talbot  
Head Teacher

