



Return to school - Monday, 8th March

Staggered Start Times

Nursery: 8.45am – 11.45am or 12.30pm – 3.30pm
Year 1 and Year 3: 8.45am - 3.05pm
Year 2 and Year 4: 8.55am - 3.15pm
Reception and Year 5: 9.05am - 3.25pm
Year 6: 9.10am - 3.30pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted that the children are returning to school on Monday.

We are very proud of the efforts made by everyone during 'lockdown' and we would like the children to gather their work together that they have completed at home during lockdown and bring to school on Monday. This will allow us to celebrate the children's efforts and achievements and help class teachers find out how the children have been getting on and plan the next steps for learning. Don't worry if you have not completed everything!

Laptops

School laptops should be returned to school on **Tuesday, 9th March by an adult** between either:

- 9.15am to 10.15am
- 2pm to 3pm

This will allow the return of laptops to be checked and registered. Thank you for your support.

We have lots of exciting projects and events coming up over the next few weeks including wellbeing activities, LifeSavers, Everest Day, Comic Relief and Art week which we hope will support the children's return to school.

COVID Safe Arrangements

To ensure our school is a safe place to be and to reduce the risk of spreading the virus it is essential that children and families continue to follow our COVID Safe procedures. Infection rates remain high with Speke continuing to have the second highest rate in the City.

A copy of our **COVID Safe Procedures** is attached and you can see a full copy of our Covid-19 risk assessment on our website. We regularly review our risk assessment as guidance from the government is updated. **Please take time to read our procedures and please follow them!**

To support the return to school, all members of staff have been and continue to undertake testing twice a week. Please play your part too by following our procedures. For example, all adults must wear a mask on site or in the vicinity of our school. It is **important that our whole school community work together to protect each other.**

Please respect other people and comply with social distancing guidance. Please walk your child to school to reduce congestion at the school gate and if a car is necessary park 200m away from the school site again to reduce congestion around the school site and maintain social distancing.

Do not park in roads around the perimeter of the school.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you and your children can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

It is important that outside of school we all follow the government guidance around Covid-19, so that we can control the virus – do not slip up now! Remember even though we are returning to school households should not mix indoors or outdoors unless within your support bubble – children should not visit each other's houses and mix with other families!

Do not bring your child into school with symptoms! If you do keep your child off school due to Covid-19 symptoms please ensure that you **let us know** this when you register your child's absence. If your child is off school we will provide school work, so they can continue with their learning. If your child presents with Covid-19 symptoms in school we will take your child to a safe area in school and contact you immediately to pick them up. **Please make sure that your emergency contact details are up to date and correct.**

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111. **It is vitally important that anyone who presents with Covid-19 symptoms get tested as soon as possible.**

If someone from within school is confirmed with Covid-19 we will get in touch with the parents and carers of any children who have been in close contact with this person. This is likely to be children from their class or 'bubble'. These children will be asked to self-isolate for 10 days. Other members of the household **do not** need to self-isolate, unless your child also develops symptoms. We would like to close by reminding all of us that we have a role to play to control the virus and to enable restrictions to be lifted.

Take care and stay safe! See you on Monday!

Yours sincerely,

S.E.Price Head teacher R. Finch Chair of Governors