



Dear Parents

The following document describes our plans for March 8th and is based on the Government guidance and endorsed by Public Health England (PHE) that we received on February 23rd. I am pleased to say that there are no radical changes that need to be put into place. I am looking to reaffirm our practice that we had earlier in the year. We would like you refresh you and your children's memories so that we can ensure that our previously good strategies are in place for March 8th. **All families who have been loaned IT equipment (that have signed our agreement) need return that equipment to the school office on March 8th.**

Therefore, please with your children read all of below carefully and contact the school if you have any queries. Updates will no doubt continue and I will keep you posted.

All children are expected back in school on March 8th apart from those who are deemed extremely vulnerable which parents have been in dialogue with us about. As I write, we have not had any positive cases from either children or staff. To be successful yet again the school must rely on pupils, staff, parents, Governors, visitors of WJS pulling together for our mutual benefit. This has been helped by all staff continuing Covid tests over the holiday.

With all the measures described below we will aspire to be as safe as possible. However, schools still cannot guarantee that social distancing of 1m+ will be maintained at all times and that the H&S measures will ensure that all members of the school community will be 100% safe. The school risk assessment has been updated and will be shared with staff and be in place for March 8th.

Risk to the school staff must be minimised and therefore we will continue to maintain our "bubbles" for pupils and staff. Which will mean we will have separate start and finish times, entrances and the staff will have separate toilets and facilities. A reminder of these timings is given later in this document.

We would ask you to continue to follow the guidance for managing Coronavirus outside of school and at home. The school are so proud of how our community has supported the school by ensuring they wear masks at the school gate, they avoid the social mixing of groups outside of their family group and ensure that their children do not mix with friends in or outside of their homes. e.g. Playdates. It amazes me that since last March there has been literally a handful of parents I have had to contact to ask them to socially isolate

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because of breaches of the above issues.

The previous medical advice still holds good in that children need to stay at home if they are displaying symptoms such as a high fever, continuous cough or a loss or change in taste. At this point self isolation for 10 days needs to take place, not only for the child but for the family. Then if other family members then start to display symptoms at a later date the ten days isolation period will need to restart from that point. If you have any uncertainty, please contact the school.

We also would encourage you to test your child at the earliest opportunity. Then inform school of outcome. A polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test can be obtained by ringing 119 or going via the NHS testing website.

When the school has been informed of this positive case it is highly likely that we will with immediate effect send that the child's bubble home. Staff have prepared two weeks of work in readiness. We also will have, through the Government's generosity, a chrome book to loan to every family who would benefit from one. They will be available the day we send the bubble home after the 8th March.

To help minimise risk children need to bring their own school stationary equipment in one pencil case which can then be kept in school in the child's place and then returned home at the weekend, lunch box (if needed), drinks bottle, coat and bag. These will be kept in their usual cloakroom spaces.

Parents to bring children to school socially isolating whilst on journey. Car journeys to be within family bubble. Those who want to allow their children to walk to school alone need to contact the school so that we may risk assess this possible decision.

Staff on the gates will assess those children who arrive by themselves and administer the non-contact infrared thermometer if we feel a child looks unwell. If we have concerns then we will take the child to a safe place and contact parents.

Communication by parents should be via class Dojo, email or phone and only in person at the school office in times of necessity.

Staff on gates will also ensure social distancing is maintained, there is no congregation and parents do not come on site. Parents with more than one child at the school to drop off children at the earliest drop off time designated and children walk around site to their

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classroom entrance. The arrival time is when school will start teaching, so do make sure your child does not miss out!

See timetables below Arrivals

Group	Time	Entrance
CNRB	8:45	Front Gate
Year 3	8:30	Rear Gate (by Infants)
Year 4	8:30	Front Gate
Year 5	8:45	Rear Gate (by Infants)
Year 6	8:45	Front Gate

Departures

Group	Time	Entrance
CNRB	2.55	Front Gate
Year 3	2:45	Rear Gate (by Infants)
Year 4	2:45	Front Gate
Year 5	3:00	Rear Gate (by Infants)
Year 6	3:00	Front Gate

Play and lunch times will be staggered to minimise possible contact with other “bubbles”. Both hot and cold lunches will be eaten in the classrooms.

Intervention staff will be where possible allocated to a set year group and complete tasks within classes.

On entry all children and staff wash hands in their designated toilets. Children in their year group toilets, CNRB children in their named toilet. Pupils and staff must only use their designated toilets at all times of the school day. Hand washing will then take place regularly throughout the day when the children are returning to the classroom. E.g. Coming in from

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playtimes.

When administering First Aid or helping a child from class PPE equipment will be worn at all times. The school will reaffirm the “catch it, bin it, kill it” strategy, on the first day.

Classrooms should be laid in rows with a 2m safety zone in the front of the room for the staff to operate in.

All classrooms to be fully equipped to be able to be cleaned during the course of the day. E.g. Sneezed on areas or when equipment has been finished with. The same will apply to indoor and outdoor play equipment.

We will maintain the increased ventilation during the course of the day and have a “blow through” of fresh air by opening doors and windows when the children go out to play. We will monitor this carefully to maintain the room temperatures.

Each day all spaces that have been occupied will be deep cleaned. This will be a combination of existing and new cleaning staff under Direct Cleaning our provider.

If a child is displaying possible symptoms they will be removed immediately to the First Aid room and carers called to collect. If a toilet is to be used for this child then toilet closest to hall to be used.

Staff and children who want to wear face covering throughout the school day in their bubbles will be supported in doing so. But staff who are moving around the school will be required to wear face coverings at all times.

Supply teachers will not be used, but a reliance on cover supervisors within year groups.

Only school reading books to go to and from home. Returning of books and taking them out will have set times. Books to be placed in a return box and cleared daily into dated bags and then reintroduced into library on day 4. Year 5 to monitor.

Staff marking of books will be reduced and will occur in school, no books will go to and

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from home.

Any non-parent transport arriving in school must have due regard to social distancing. E.G. taxi to have one child in front and one in back.

Uniform to be worn as per usual practice apart from the days when children have PE/games when they must arrive in kit under their sweatshirts and coats.

Educational visits outside of school will still not be possible, nor events in school where an audience would normally be invited.

Child protection has the following staff members allocated, Year 3 and 5, Mrs. Small and Year 4 and 6 Mr. Hatt.

From experience we found the children took almost a term to get back into the “groove” of our expectations. Our reward system will go into overdrive but particularly we do expect them get used working on the tasks we want them to do and if they do or they don't there will be consequences. The behaviour policy now has an emphasis on non-compliance with our Coronavirus safety measures. Warnings for accidental breaking of distancing and a hall detention for a deliberate act which put others in jeopardy will now be an expectation.

Generally, if a child finds it difficult to comply with social distancing or presents as too high a medical risk then the school will contact parents advising that their continued attendance is in jeopardy.

Assemblies, a combination of Christian themes, whole school messages and celebration will take place within year groups in a social distancing way in the hall.

Over the last few weeks, we have preparing for March 8th but we will be completing further assessments to ensure that all children will be reaching their potential from their first day back in school. This is will enable us to allocate interventions to the children in need as quickly as possible.

Yours sincerely

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