

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent/ Carers,

Firstly, please can I thank all of you and congratulate you all for your absolute resolute resilience and efforts providing education for your child during this third National lockdown. We do not underestimate how challenging that this may have been for you all. We have been blown away by everyone's learning and this will have helped your child significantly.

**Following the government's announcement on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, we are excited to be able to welcome every child back to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021.**

I would like to take the opportunity to reassure you of the plans we have put in place as a school following the latest announcement. The government guidance has changed in parts for our school. Consequently, we have reviewed our risk assessment and updated it as appropriate.

Below are some examples of the structures in place to ensure that our site is as safe as possible:

- Only **one parent/adult per family** to drop off/ collect
- Please do stick to your drop off and collection time, it will ensure that there's a steady flow of people on site to avoid unnecessary crowding.
- For arrival and collection, the gates will be open at 8:30 and 14:30. Parents are asked not to arrive before 8:30 or 14:30 as this would result in congestion. To support the safe environment, **parents must adhere** to the collection and drop off times, for example not arriving early to drop off in the mornings or to collect at the end of the school day.
- There is an expectation that no child or adult should gather on the school site at any time.
- Drop off and collection times (**updated**) using one-way system:

o Time A – Surname A-H:	08:30-08:35,	14:30-14:40
o Time B – Surname I-P:	08:35-08:40,	14:40-14:50
o Time C – Surname Q-Z:	08:40-08:45,	14:50-15:00

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- KS2 parents (Y3 – Y6) please collect from left side of gate entrance looking at school from the road (Aldi side).
  - KS1 parents (Y1-Y2) please collect from right side of gate entrance looking at school from the road (Sandy Park side).
  - EYFS Parents (Nursery and Reception) are the only parents who will need to come inside the school gates to avoid congestion.
  - All parents please collect youngest children first and older children will be brought to you.
  - EYFS parents who will be onsite, please then wait in designated area of car park for siblings to be brought to you.
  - No cars will be accessing the car park at these times.
  - Please ensure you park considerately of others and for the safety of all children, with use of double yellows for disabled drivers only.
  - Face masks are required for all adults on site, unless you are exempt from wearing one

## Adults

We plan for all year groups to be led by familiar adults upon the return to school.

## Standardised Assessments and Testing

Standardised Assessments and Testing in Reception, Year 2 and Year 6 will no longer take place. However, we will be working incredibly hard to catch up for missed learning time. Year 6 will be working to ensure that every child is ready for their transition to secondary school. Teachers will be making teacher assessments to judge where your child is in all aspects of the curriculum.

## Kids Club

Our priority at this time is for all children to return to school safely. We will review Kids Club requirements following the Easter Holiday.

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## After School Clubs

On immediate return no after school clubs will be taking place. After Easter, this will be reviewed and the Government's road map 'out of lockdown' procedures adhered to.

## PE kits

Children will get changed in school on PE days. Please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school each week. PE kit to be brought in to school on a Monday and stay in school all week until Friday when it can be taken home to be washed over the weekend.

## Office and appointments

The office will remain closed to all visitors. For any queries, please phone the office on 01726 75858 or email [hello@sandyhill.org.uk](mailto:hello@sandyhill.org.uk)

## Reading books

Please can all reading books be returned so that we are able to restock our library and send more books home with your child/ren.

## Positive COVID case

As with before, should there be a case within our school, we will close the affected bubble. Remote learning will be set for those affected.

## Symptoms

We would like to remind parents that children should not be sent into nursery/school if they are unwell. Any child who presents with a cough, fever or anosmia (loss of smell or taste) will be sent home.

Should you, your child or another member of your family develop potential COVID-19 symptoms, you must self-isolate immediately and please ensure that you inform the school as soon as possible, regardless of when your child is next due to attend. This is so

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we can undertake additional risk assessments and put in place any further precautionary measures that may be needed.

All children who are attending nursery/school, and their families, will be eligible for COVID-19 testing should they develop symptoms. Anyone who becomes unwell should access this testing as soon as possible and keep the school updated on their results. Anyone who does not access testing will not be allowed to return to nursery/school until the end of the self-isolation period.

### **Reporting cases outside of school hours**

To report a positive COVID-19 case when the school is closed, please visit [www.aspireacademytrust.org/coronavirus](http://www.aspireacademytrust.org/coronavirus) where you can complete a form to make us aware.

**Only those isolating due to COVID reasons will be set remote learning, which will be as closely matched to that of the learning in school.**

Our staff will continue to go above and beyond to minimise the risks within their control to ensure that our community is as safe as possible.

I'd like to thank you all for your continued support, it really does make a difference.

Best wishes,

Bridget Rundle  
Head of School

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