



Bussage C. of E. (Aided) Primary School
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Dear Parents,

March 8th - Full Return

We are all delighted that all pupils will be returning to school on **Monday March 8th**. The operation in the school will be very similar to that which worked so effectively in the Autumn Term.

The main theory behind the safe reopening of schools still surrounds the idea of 'bubbles' and restricting, where possible the mixing of children from different 'bubbles'. Each class will act once again as a social 'bubble'. We will restrict the number of adults who interact with them and we are maintaining staggered start and finish times, staggered lunch and break times and we will continue to have no whole school assemblies. Children will use the outside sinks to wash their hands each time they enter the school. All of these measures are designed to continue to keep us all safe.

The huge success we had in our September reopening was down to the fantastic support parents showed us in observing the following:

- Being punctual at pick up and drop off times
- Only one parent accompanying children to school
- No congregating of parents either in the school or at the school gates
- All parents where possible walking to and from school
- No parents accessing the school building
- No parents having face to face meetings with staff
- Parents wearing face masks whilst on the school site (**please note that this is now a requirement**)

I do know how our school has always benefitted from being a welcoming place to parents who have often been able to catch teachers for a quick word at the start of the day. Sadly, once again, these interactions are simply not possible. If parents need to communicate with teachers, it will have to be via the phone. If an urgent message is required, then that should be communicated to the School Office for onwards transmission.

The school day and pick up and drop off arrangements

Rainbows 8:50 – 3:15	Y1 8:30 – 3:00	Y2 8:40 – 3:05
Y3 8:50 – 3:10	Y4 8:30 – 2:50	Y5 8:30 – 2:50
Y6 8:50 – 3:10		

As before, where siblings are in different 'time zones' please drop off all the children at the earliest time and pick them up at the latest time. Staff are well aware that some children may be required to wait a few minutes each day after their lessons have ended.



Breakfast Club and After School Club

We will be resuming Breakfast Club and After School Club from 8th March. Please book the places you require in the usual way.

I, once again, want to thank you for all of your patience and support during another difficult period. We will be spending the rest of this term getting the children back into school life and assessing where they all are as we plan for the summer term.

PTA Annual General Meeting

A reminder that you are all invited to the PTA AGM **tomorrow** on **Wednesday February 24th at 7.30pm**. The Zoom link is below.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/7838622973?pwd=b1FBOWhMeGdJN0xNT3N0Q2hDYIVrZz09>

Kind regards

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A Ferguson
Head Teacher