



Monday 1st March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Full school re-opening on Monday 8th March 2021

I am sure that, by now, you have heard the news that all children will be returning to school for face to face teaching from next Monday. Whilst we are all delighted that we have a date for the children's return, I am in no doubt that some parents will have reservations or concern about the reopening of all schools. Whilst infection rates remain high it is good to note that they look to be reducing locally. I am writing to you today to reassure you that we will, of course, continue to do everything within our power to keep the children, staff and our community as safe as possible.

Does my child have to return to school?

- Yes, from Monday 8th March, school attendance will be mandatory for all pupils with the usual rules and duties around school attendance in place from this date.
- Our expectation is the regular attendance of all children at school, unless there is a reason for self-isolation within the household, which is communicated to school via the office.
- We will continue to have the flexible drop off and pick up times which we started at the beginning of January, giving parents a ten minute window for children to be dropped off and collected. The front gates will open at 8:50am and be locked just after 9:00am. Please do not arrive early and ensure your child stays with their accompanying adult at all times to keep everyone safe. Children can be collected between 3:20pm and 3:30pm. This is to minimise the number of people on site at any one time, again please do not arrive too early.

What measures do we have in place to reduce risks?

- Since January, schools have been involved in a national effort to test staff for Covid-19. Rapid testing will continue to remain a vital part of the Government's plan to suppress the virus. This sort of testing means that asymptomatic people, who might otherwise continue to attend schools, are identified and self-isolate.
- Twice-weekly asymptomatic testing is already taking place by staff at Camblesforth. This will continue until we are told by the government that testing is no longer necessary.
- The system of controls, set out by the government, supports us to assess risk and implement measures to mitigate risk. This includes ventilating rooms by opening windows and doors, enhanced cleaning schedules and the use of bubbles to keep children from mixing. We will continue to do everything we can to adhere to these measures as it is vital that they are implemented well and consistently.
- We will continue to ask parents to wear face coverings when on the school site, even those who have been vaccinated as they could still carry the virus.
- All staff will continue to wear face coverings at the beginning and end of each day as well as when in communal areas outside of their classroom.



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- All children will continue to be encouraged to follow the 'Catch it, bin it, kill it' approach as well as completing regular hand washing and use of sanitiser.
- I will be updating our school risk assessment this week and you will be able to view the most up to date version on the school website by 8th March.
- Wrap Around Care and the shuttle service bus will start after the Easter Holidays.

Children will continue with their PE lessons each Monday so should wear their kits to school this day. Usual school uniform should be worn for the remainder of the week. Please ensure your child's uniform is in line with our uniform policy which can be found on the school website.

We are pleased to announce that hot school meals will now be available for the whole of the school from next week too. The menu can be found on ParentPay. Please ensure your child's meals are booked and paid for (if applicable) in advance.

As Head Teacher, I am confident that we are doing all that we can to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus within our school community. However, as always, should you have any further ideas or recommendations, we would very much welcome these. If you have any concerns or questions about the reopening, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school.

We really cannot wait to welcome the children back to school, we know that this is the best place for them academically and socially, and I am sure you will look forward to a break from home schooling too.

Thank you for your continued support.



Mr Card
Head of school