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School Reopening – Monday 8th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good news - we are back!

As you are most likely aware, the government have announced that all school are to reopen from Monday 8th March to all pupils. We are very excited to see all of the children and get back in to a new routine in school. We are sure, that like us, you have some questions and anxieties about the return so we hope that this letter helps.

How will my child be taught?

Just like before Christmas, children will be taught in their own class – which will be their class “bubble”. Each bubble has a class teacher assigned to it and also other staff assigned to the bubble to support them. At break time and lunch times, they will mix with other children from their phase, just like they did before Christmas.

What time will my child start and finish?

In order to ensure safety and help you to maintain social distancing outside of the school grounds, we must continue to stagger the start and finish times of the children.

We have adjusted the times slightly from before Christmas.

Here are the new start and finish times:

	Start Time	Finish Time
Reception	9:00am via Reception Gate – children will go straight in to the EYFS unit	3:15pm via the Ox Close Crescent Gate
Years 1 and 2	8:45am via Reception Gate – children will go straight up on to the straight to yard or in to the classroom	3:00pm via the Main Gate
Years 3 and 4	9:00am via the Main Gate	3:15pm via the Main Gate
Years 5 and 6	9:15am via the Main Gate	3:30pm via the Main Gate

Siblings that are in different year groups are asked to arrive together at the later time where possible. They will also leave at the earlier time with their sibling just like we did before the Christmas holiday.

We ask that parents remain away from the school gate and socially distance along the main footpath. We also request that you wear a face covering. Teachers will bring the children out class by class and hand them over to parents. Please only send one adult to drop off and collect children to reduce numbers at the school gate.



What will break and lunchtimes look like?

These will look exactly the same as before Christmas.

Children from each phase of the school will have staggered breaks and lunchtimes – phases will not cross or mix with one another.

In the hall, children will be assigned a seat on a table with other members of their class bubbles. Tables will be thoroughly cleaned down between sittings.

When outside, the children will have access to the yard, field and MUGA to play. We will talk to the children about how to stay safe outdoors and will also ensure that all children sanitise their hands before coming inside to the classroom.

What will the children need?

Children can wear their normal school uniform however please ensure that this is clean every day. Please ensure that children can fasten and unfasten clothing independently as we will not be able to assist them with this.

All children must bring their own labelled water bottle – this will be returned home daily for you to wash. If children are on packed lunch, then this will be wiped down by staff before being placed in the correct area for storage.

If your child needs any additional items then class teachers will let you know via SeeSaw.

What will happen for PE?

Like before Christmas, each class will be allocated a PE day. On this day, children can come to school in their PE kits. The days are as follows:

Class	PE Day
RB – Mrs Bowman	Wednesday
RP – Mrs Paxton	Wednesday
1/2C – Mr Crowther	Monday
1/2R – Miss Robson	Tuesday
1/2P – Mrs Phillips and Mrs Elliott	Friday
3/4C – Mrs Cox	Wednesday
3/4H – Mrs Harvey	Friday
3/4W – Mrs Woods	Thursday
5/6P – Mrs Payne	Friday
5/6S – Mrs Shepherd	Tuesday
5/6T – Miss Todd	Thursday

Will parents/carers be allowed on site?

In order to minimise the risk of the spread of infection, parents and carers will not ordinarily be allowed on site to visit staff. Enquiries can be made at the office, where social distancing is in place. In the first instance, all communication should ideally be by telephone. Following this telephone contact, should any face to face meeting be necessary then this would be arranged by appointment. If you do need to access the site for any reason, then face coverings must be worn at all times.

Is Wraparound Care still running?

Yes, Wraparound Care will continue to be provided by Oxclose Nursery and the same measures will be in place as before the Christmas break. The booking system will be open for parents from Friday 26th February at 9am. If you no longer have your log in details then please phone the Nursery for these, their number is 01388 814970.

What extra measures have been put in place to minimise risk?

As well as all the measures discussed above, the following have also been put in place:

- Cleaning has been increased in school – key areas are cleaned at various points through the day.
- Handwashing and sanitising – all children will be required to sanitise their hands when they arrive at school. There will also be additional handwashing and sanitising before and after breaks and lunch and also at other regular points through the day.
- Social distancing signage has been placed around the school site.
- If a child is unwell or needs First Aid, then staff will wear full PPE when treating the children to ensure maximum safety.

We hope that the above information helps answer some of the questions that you may have. If further information comes to light, and plans have to change, then we will be in touch with you.

Everyone at Ox Close can't wait to welcome the children back – they really are the heart of our team.

Yours faithfully,

A Bowden

Miss Bowden
Head of School

