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Re: Full opening arrangements from 8 March 2021

Dear Parents/Person with Parental Responsibility

As you will be aware, the Prime Minister has announced that all school-age pupils will return to full-time on-site provision from 8 March. We are really looking forward to having all our school community together again and would like to take this opportunity to outline our arrangements for full opening prior to this date.

From 8 March, attendance is mandatory for all pupils. All pupils will be expected to attend on-site provision from 8 March, with the exception of pupils following public health advice, e.g. if they are required to self-isolate or shield.

Protective measures

We want to reassure you that as before, the school will do everything possible to keep your child safe upon their return to the school site, including staff now undertaking twice weekly lateral flow testing.

In order to assist us in minimising risk of infection, please ensure your child is only bringing essential items to the school site each day, including:

- Lunch boxes
- Hats and coats
- Books
- School bags (one keyring allowed)
- Clear pencil case (Years 1-6) containing a ruler, Pritt stick, sharpener, small selection of colouring pencils and pens. Handwriting pencils and pens will be provided by the school. The pencil cases will then stay in school on their desks. Here is a useful link <https://www.wilko.com/en-uk/wilko-pvc-pencil-case/p/0261328>
- Small hand sanitizer (in pencil case)

We will be continuing to operate staggered start and finish times to minimise any unnecessary contact between parents and pupil groups. As before, there will be a one-way system so parents line up outside the gate and then move away immediately so that social distancing can be maintained at all times; parents must not stand outside school watching children walk into school. A reminder that the *Car Free School Streets* is in operation, so cars cannot drive up Laburnum Drive without a permit.

As before, we will implement the following structure each day:

The beginning of the day:

8.30 - Y6 (and siblings)

8.35 - Y1 and Y3 (and siblings)

8.45- Y2 and Y4 (and siblings)

8.50- Y5 and EYFS



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In order to minimise the risk of bubbles mixing, it is really important that children arrive at the time their class has been allocated and not at any time within the 30 minutes' window. Please note that the gates will close at 9.00a.m and any children arriving after 9.00a.m will be classed as late.

Please note the new arrangements for the end of the day:

2.45 - Y1 and Y3 (and siblings)

2.55 - Y2 and Y4 (and siblings)

3.05 - Y5 and Y6 (and siblings)

3.15 - EYFS

Children attending Kids' Club will wait in the year group pods to be collected by Kids' Club staff.

School Uniform:

Your child is expected to wear their Winter school uniform. However, we are aware that their school shoes may not fit and if this is the case your child may wear trainers up until the Easter holidays. Additionally, to reduce risk of transmission we ask that your child comes to school wearing their P.E kit on the day your child's class takes part in P.E:

EYFS - wear P.E Kit to school on a *Tuesday*

Children in Years 1 - Y4 - wear P.E Kit to school on a *Wednesday*

Children in Year 5 and Year 6 - wear P.E Kit to school on a *Thursday*

A reminder the PE Kit is black shorts or jogging bottoms, dark green t-shirt with school logo, black pumps (or black trainers up to Easter if pumps do not fit) and round green neck sweatshirt with logo or school jumper/cardigan.

If you or your child is feeling anxious or you have any other queries about the return to school, please get in touch with us via the school office or email enquiry@holycross-sch.net and we can discuss your worries in more detail and provide any reassurance you need.

Thank you for your continued support during this tough time. We appreciate your efforts, and we look forward to welcoming back all of our pupils

Yours sincerely

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