

Yox Valley Partnership



Primary School



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1st March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Full Opening of School on 8th March

We are all looking forward to welcoming back all our pupils on Monday 8th March; we have really missed seeing them face to face.

Before I outline any special arrangements we have put in place, I want to update you on the staffing and class arrangements that will be in place.

Reception/Key Stage 1 – pupils in Rec/Year 1/Year 2 will all remain in Ash Class for the remainder of this academic year. They will be taught by Miss Ball and Mrs Pain.

Key Stage 2 – pupils in Years 3/4/5/6 will operate as one unit but will split into Maple and Spruce as much as they can. On Mon/Tues/Wed Mrs Youngman will teach them with the support of Mrs Brunning and Mrs Baggott. We are fortunate that Mr. Phil Jones will be joining the team on Thur/Fri. Phil is a very experienced Key Stage 2 teacher who already works for the Trust. He will teach Year 5/6 for Literacy, Maths and Science on these days with the support of Mrs Brunning, while Mrs Youngman will teach Y3/4.

We fully appreciate that there have been several changes in a very short space of time. We want to avoid any further disruption for the children so these arrangements will be in place for the remainder of this academic year. We will keep you updated of plans for September as things develop.

In preparation for our full opening on the 8th March, we have carried out a thorough review of our Risk Assessment for each site. A copy of the risk assessment will be available on the website by Friday 5th March, should you wish to read it.

We have reviewed the deployment of all staff to avoid anyone going across sites. The exception to this is myself, but I will only be visiting one site per day and will have minimal contact with children during these visits. I will still be in regular contact with staff and can be contacted by email or telephone at any time during the school day.

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We will be opening up our extended school provision with Breakfast Club opening at 8.00am every morning and after school provision will be available until 4.30pm on Monday - Thursday. These must be booked through our online system Schoolcomms or through the office.

Staff will continue to use the Lateral Flow Device testing twice a week. By rapidly identifying and containing any asymptomatic cases, we can reduce the spread of transmission. We are aware that testing does not replace existing protective measures such as handwashing, and we will continue to follow all the appropriate measures we can to make our school as safe as we can.

Dropping your child off and picking them up

Staff will be outside from 8.20am until 8.30am each morning and collection time is at 3.30pm. We want to keep the flow of people moving, and so we will not be able to engage in lengthy conversations at the gate. If you do need to speak to a member of staff about something, then please phone the office to arrange a time or send an email and arrange to have that discussion.

A few other reminders

- Every child **must** have their own water bottle from home, clearly labelled with their name – this will need to go home every day and be thoroughly cleaned before bringing it back in. Water bottles are available at school if a child does not have one, but these will need to be paid for and then kept by that child. We will not be able to provide cups of water.
- If you are sending in a packed lunch, please use a container that can be cleaned thoroughly at the end of each day, or use disposable packaging which they can just throw away at the end of lunch.
- School uniform should be worn every day - please make sure your child has plenty of layers on as we will be increasing ventilation and having windows open as much as we can
- Sensible foot wear should be worn (trainers are fine) as they will not be changing for outdoor activities
- Children will not be changing whilst in school, so on the day that they have PE they should come to school in their School PE kit.
- Minimal bags should be brought into school, and we ask that no toys or books should come in either
- Coats – these will be kept on the back of their chairs to avoid congestion in cloakrooms

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I appreciate that this is a lot of information to take in. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office and we will answer them the best we can.

Many thanks for your continued support throughout this difficult time – Stay Safe and Stay Alert.



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