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Dear Parents/Carers,

First let me thank you for your patience whilst we reviewed our Risk Assessments and that as a staff we are all really looking forward to welcoming our pupils back into school, we have missed them all. You have all done a fantastic job of Home Learning, in what have been really difficult circumstances. You have done your child/ren proud but it is now our turn to take over the teaching!!!

I am now in a position to inform you of the measures which will be in place when ALL pupils return to school on the 8th March 2021. I wanted to give you the information as soon as possible, before the weekend, as I am sure that many of you are worried about how the full opening and return to school for all pupils be will managed. To continue to support the entire school and local community, these measures will remain in place until the end of Spring Term and we break for the Easter holidays (the 3 weeks pupils are back in school until the Easter holiday).



Each class will remain independent Bubbles and there will be no staff crossing Bubbles, no visitors into school unless with prior appointment.

DROP OFF and COLLECTION Times

We will continue with the ***staggered drop off time*** for the classes:

Badger Class: 8.40am

Rabbit Class & Hedgehog: 8.50am



Households with pupils in different classes please **drop off all children at the time of the youngest child** (ie pupil in Rabbit Class and in Badger class drop off will be 8.50am for both pupils).

Towards the end of the Autumn Term, some Parents/Carers were dropping off earlier than their allocated time, to avoid congestion both on the playground and on pavement/at the gate, please can you ensure you arrive at the allocated time (not earlier or later) and that you leave your child/ren at the gate.

Entry will be monitored, please do not take offence if your child/ren are refused entry into school until their allotted time, remember these measures are in place to protect us all.

Due to staffing restructuring, ***collection times*** at the end of the day will be also be ***staggered***.

Badger Class and siblings from other classes: 3pm Rabbit Class & Hedgehog: 3.15pm

Households with pupils in different classes **collection will be with the oldest child** (ie pupil in Rabbit Class and in Badger class collection for **both pupils will be 3pm**).

Again, to avoid congestion please ensure you are **on time to collect, only one adult to collect from the playground** and once your child/ren has been collected please vacate the school grounds immediately.

A **FACE COVERING MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES** whilst you are on the school premises.

PLAYTIME/LUNCHTIME

Lunchtimes will remain as they were, with pupils eating in their classrooms then out to play. Chartwells continue to provide a full meal menu, with hot meals, jacket potatoes or packed lunches available.

For the outdoor play sessions, all pupils will be on the field/playground together. With the numbers currently on role the school has the space for this to be possible whilst at the same time ensuring the pupils maintain social distancing. Playtimes have been a topic for many discussions and we feel that the effects on pupils' mental health is detrimental when they are separated at playtimes.

CLASSROOM ORGANISATION

- **Book bags, Spelling/Sentence books and Homework books or any other school bags will remain at home until after the Easter holiday, please only bring into school coats, lunch boxes, water bottles and snacks.**
- All rooms/corridors will be ventilated as much as possible
- All tables will be forward facing toward the whiteboard
- Pupils will be seated next to each other (side by side) 2 pupils per table, (table/seats allocated to pupils)
- Pupils will continue to use their own pencil case (provided by the school, writing pencil, colouring pencils, whiteboard pen). Individual whiteboards, rulers and scissors have been provided. Use of any equipment that needs to be shared, will be kept to a minimal.
- Each class has their own set of toilets and these will be used only by the pupils in each individual class (toilets in the main corridor are often used by all pupils at playtime/lunchtime these will only be used by Badger Class).
- On PE days pupils will come into school in their PE kit, days remain the same as for last term
Badgers & Rabbits - Thursday & Friday Hedgehogs Mondays & Friday
For your information, CFS will resume teaching PE on a Friday and After School Clubs will re-open the first week back after Easter.



ASSEMBLIES/SINGING

These will resume on the week beginning **8th March**, outside, weather permitting or via Zoom call, with pupils and staff remaining in their own classrooms.

I am sure that many of you still have concerns about your child/ren returning to school but please be assured that every possible measure is in place at Thurlton primary School to ensure the health, safety and mental well-being of our pupils, staff, Parents/Carers and the wider school community.



I know we can rely on your continued support to eradicate as much risk as possible to our community, especially with the drop off and collection times.

If you have any queries, questions or comments regarding the return to school on **March 8th 2021** please do not hesitate to contact me.

It is my duty to remind you that, it is a **statutory requirement**, that your child/ren return to school on the **8th March 2021**.

Take care and stay safe, remember my door is always open, even if only virtually for the moment, but hopefully not much longer.

Mrs Hambley

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