

1 March 2021

Dear parents and carers

Re-opening of school on Monday 8 March 2021

We are now preparing for the re-opening of the school next Monday and this letter will give you more information.

Firstly, I would like to say that since the start of this “lockdown”, your support has been amazing. I know many of you have been supporting your children at home whilst working yourselves at home, going to work outside of the home or coping with members of your family who have been ill or self-isolating. It is a credit to you how well your children have engaged with remote learning. It is truly fantastic. We know it has been incredibly hard.

I know I speak for you too in thanking every member of our school staff for the tremendous work they have continued to do. The school has remained open for a group of pupils whilst staff have also delivered live lessons and remote learning work at the same time.

Regarding the return to school of all pupils on Monday 8 March, we will continue with the measures to ensure school is a safe and clean place by following DfE systems of control. Our staff will also be carrying out a twice weekly Lateral Flow Device test (LFD). These LFD tests help highlight the virus in cases where there are no symptoms. Updated parents guidance and full operational risk assessment can be found on our [website](#).

The school times will be:

Years 3 and 4	8.35am arrival	3.00pm departure
Years 5 and 6	8.40am arrival	3.05pm departure

On arrival pupils will enter the school building themselves, parents/carers are asked not to enter the school premises. At the end of the day collection will be from the playground for Years 4-6 and Year 3 from the usual front car park. Please ensure you social distance and wear a face covering when onsite.

Breakfast club will be open from Monday 8 March, to those who are already registered. Suffolks after school tea-time club will restart on Monday 15 March, for those pupils already registered.

If you have a lunch from The Pantry you can order via the usual way, as you did last term.

Pupils need to bring their Chromebooks, in their cases, into school on Monday for in-school use. Please make sure they are fully charged. Keep the charger lead at home as we have charging trolleys at school. It is important to bring the Chromebooks back as pupils will be using them in class.

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Pupils can start bringing in a bag/rucksack with their belongings in as we will be allowing them to use the lockers again.

Pupils should return to school wearing their full school uniform. On PE days, pupils should come to school wearing their PE kit which will be kept on for the whole day.

To ensure the school is ready for the 8 March re-opening, there will be no live lessons this Friday. We will be celebrating World Book Day this Thursday and Friday. **The last live lessons about World Book Day will be on Thursday 4 March at 10.00am and 2.00pm.** Teachers will set independent work for pupils to do on Friday.

During the first week back we will focus on settling our pupils back into school through English and Maths lessons. In the afternoons all classes will be completing Art and Design or Design Technology practical lessons. **It would be useful if your child could bring in with them an old shirt or big t-shirt to put over their uniform so they don't get paint, glue etc on the school uniform. Also we are asking for a £1 contribution towards costs,** so please send in a £1 coin with your child on Monday.

It does feel like a very long time since last term but we are so glad that the days are getting warmer and longer and we are all working hard in preparation for a great Spring term.

We are so happy that all our pupils will be back in school next week and we all look forward to seeing you all again. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

H McGovern
Headteacher