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## **BACK TO SCHOOL NEWS AND INFORMATION**

Dear all,

We are so incredibly excited to be welcoming the children back to school on Monday. We have been planning for their safe return and would like to draw your attention to the following points so that the Monday morning 'get up and get to school' feels comfortable and predictable. We do obviously recommend that you take time to share the following information with your children so that they are clear about all of the things that will be staying the same and the few things that will be a little different!

### **The general day...**

Generally, we will be going back to life at the academy as it was before we finished for Christmas. We will be going back to our classrooms with our teachers and friends and learning just like we were in December. All of the same COVID secure measures will be in place in terms of encouraging distancing and there will be lots of handwashing and sanitising throughout the day.

### **What to bring to school...**

Please still limit what you are bringing in to school. Remember that any items that pass between home and the academy pose a covid risk, so make sure you have your charged iPad and your reading book. You can now bring your own bag for these (either school book bag or an appropriately sized ruck sack) and your own water bottle. You can also ride your bike or scooter to school and leave it in the bike and scooter shed. From Year 3 children can bring their own fruit/veg/cheese snack for break. All younger children will be provided with school fruit as normal.

### **PE Days**

These have changed for some year groups to ensure we can make the most of playground space for PE as we anticipate the warmer weather. As normal, please come to school wearing PE kit on the day allocated.

Tuesday	Year 1 and Year 3
Wednesday	Year 2 and Year 4
Thursday	Reception and Year 5

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## **Lunches**

These will be continue to be served in classrooms from Year 2 upwards. Children in Reception and Year 1 will eat in the hall again. Children can bring a packed lunch if they prefer but please remember – no products containing any nuts. The current school dinner menu is on the [academy website](#) and we will be on week 1 for next week.

## **Learning**

We're planning a wonderful curriculum and super lessons to get you all settled back in to academy life – we can't wait to have full classrooms and corridors again! We will spend some time settling in, re-establishing routines and expectations and then we will embark on some assessment tasks so that we can quickly identify the gaps in learning that have been impacted through lockdown and plan our adapted curriculum accordingly. No need to work though, these assessments will be implemented gently and slowly, and if necessary in small groups so not to cause any distress. I know you'll understand how important it is that teachers know as quickly as possible where the gaps in learning are.

## **Drop off and pick up**

Again, this will run as it did before lockdown. Please drop the children off between 8:30 and 8:45 – the gates will close at 8:45 and do remember that the office is not open for general foot-fall. Please be prompt so that learning can start quickly! We've got lots to 'recover' and having all children ready for the day at 8:45am will be ideal! Pick up will be from 3:15 until 3:30. Please be careful to observe social distancing when queuing up in the morning and afternoon and we would be grateful if you would wear a face covering on the playground unless you are exempt. We can't enforce this but obviously we encourage a collaborative responsibility to keeping you all safe.

I'm so excited I don't think I'll sleep on Sunday night – and Mrs Paterson and I cannot wait to meet you all on the gate at 8:30am on Monday!

Yours,

Clare