



February 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all well and enjoying Purim.

I know you will all be aware of the Prime Minister's announcement that school can re-open for all pupils on March 8th and we are excited to welcome all our pupils back in to the school building again.

In order to continue to adhere to the government guidance, we will run school pretty much in the same way as we were doing from September to December.

The children will continue to be taught in Year group bubbles and our break and lunchtime routines will still keep year groups separate.

I respectfully ask you to continue to follow the government guidelines and do not arrange play dates or invite other people to your home whilst the present restrictions are still in place. Sad as it is, you should not be hosting parties and we do reserve the right to stop children from returning to school if we are aware that their families are breaking these rules and mixing households.

Once school re-opens, please note:

1. The children will be expected to wear full school uniform, but are not to wear ties. Please check that uniform and especially school shoes still fit your growing children! They can wear shorts and short sleeved shirts or Summer dresses if you wish.
2. All boys should wear a kippah and boys in KS2 should wear tzitzit. Please encourage them to tuck the tzitzit into their trousers to avoid dangling. Please make every effort to clearly label every item of school uniform so discarded items can easily be returned to their rightful owner.
3. Children should bring as few belongings to school as possible so please do not allow them to bring toys or books with them. Other than a small pencil case and colouring book for wet breaks, all equipment will be provided or your class teacher will inform you of any resources they need. We ask that every child brings their own bottle of hand sanitiser to leave in school, although we do have dispensers installed around the school building and we have increased the numbers of sinks for hand washing.
4. PE bags should be left in school and taken home to be washed at the end of the half term.

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5. Please also give your child a packet of tissues that they can use in the classroom. We also ask that you provide them with a named reusable water bottle that will be used to drink from during the day and with their sandwich lunches. This should be taken home each weekend to be thoroughly washed.
6. We will continue to stagger the entry and exit times to minimise the numbers of people coming on to the campus at any time and we request that parents wear masks and adhere to social distancing guidelines and do not congregate together.
7. The children in EYFS & KS1 will still enter the building through their ground floor classroom doors. 2K will still use the door next to 2D and KS2 will resume using the playground zones and will be collected from them and escorted to the building by a member of staff. Please drop off/collect according to the same times as before the Winter break.
8. Pupils are not expected to wear masks but staff members will be doing so when in communal areas of the school. The school bus will restart and pupils travelling on it will be required to wear a face covering which should be removed and safely disposed of or stored before entry to the building.
9. Our school kitchen will be fully open and we will continue to keep year group bubbles separate so the children will continue to alternate hot meals one week and sandwiches in the classroom the next on a rota system so each class has a fair turn. Lunches should be paid for on Parent Pay and those on free school meals will no longer receive a voucher.
10. We will continue to operate a “Double Bubble” system (Triple in Year 6) where the class teachers, Jewish Studies teacher and teaching assistants will stay within their year group as much as possible and pupils will be able to mix and play with children from the parallel class.
11. There will be staggered starts and endings to the school day. The playground gates will only open at 8.45am. **Pupils with surnames A-F will be taken to class at 8.45am, G-M at 8.55am and N-Z at 9.05am.** Please do not arrive before your allotted time and older pupils can enter the campus unattended. Younger pupils can be escorted to their allocated door of entry by one parent only, but parents should



- not enter the building without a pre-arranged appointment. Please adhere to the social distancing rules when in the playground and keep 2m away from other parents.
12. There will also be staggered exit times, also arranged alphabetically by surname. **A-F 3.15pm, G-M 3.25pm and N-Z 3.35pm.** Please do not enter the campus until 5 minutes before the allocated time to collect your children.
13. The gates will not be open for Primary Pupils until 8.45am. If your allotted arrival slot is 8.55 or 9.05am, please arrive no earlier than 5 minutes earlier. If at all possible, drop your child at the gate so they walk in alone. Initially there will be no before school sports clubs and the High School Canteen will not be open so Primary pupils will not be allowed in the High School hall before or after school.
14. Anyone who does not arrive on time should drop their child at the main Primary office at 9.15am. We respectfully ask that everyone makes every effort to arrive and collect their children at the allotted time-slots. Parents will not be able to wait for their children inside the building.
15. On Fridays the finish times will be slightly different to the rest of the week to avoid congestion when the High School pupils leave. Therefore, **the exit slots on a Friday are as follows:**

Surname	Exit Time
A-F	3.05pm
G-M	3.15pm
N-Z	3.25pm

16. We are hoping the After School Club will be able to resume in an altered format, but Mrs Whelan will contact you with the details of this. We are hoping to reopen Breakfast Club after Pesach.

Thank you once again for your continued support and cooperation and hopefully our return to school will run as smoothly as possible for you and your children.

With very best wishes,

S Rosenberg
 Headteacher