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Arrangements for the return of all children on Monday 8th March

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Please remember it is your duty to ensure your child/ren attend school from next **Monday 8th March**.

*The exceptions include **Self-Isolation** due to one of the following reasons:*

- *your child has symptoms of COVID-19 or has had a positive test result*
- *your child lives with someone who has symptoms of COVID-19 or has tested positive*
- *your child has been in close contact with someone who has coronavirus (COVID-19)*

or

*your child has received a **Shielding** letter due to being confirmed as Critically Extremely Vulnerable.*

Please contact the school ASAP if your child falls into one of these categories. Thank you.

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In preparation for the return of children in all year groups next Monday, please see below for reminders of the arrangements that were implemented in Terms 1 & 2.

Staggered start and finishing times for Year Group Bubbles:

Nursery Sessions – 8.30-11.30am or 12.30 -3.30pm (*Gate 4/4a*)

YR (*Gate 4/4a*), Y2 (*Gate 4/4b&c*), Y4 (*Gate 2/2b*) and Y6 (*Gate 1*) - **START** 8.40am / **FINISH** 3.05pm (Friday - 1.05pm)

Y1(*Gate 4/4a Elstar/4b Kanzi*), Y3 (*Gate 3/2b*) and Y5 (*Gate 1*) - **START** 8.50am / **FINISH** 3.15pm (Friday - 1.15pm)

NB - Friday Club finishing time for all bubbles is 3.15pm

Children to wear their PE kits to school on PE days:

Monday - Y3

Tuesday - YR and Y5

Wednesday - Y2 and Y6

Thursday - Y1 and Y4

- Please DO NOT arrive too early avoiding a long wait in the queue – YR, Y2, Y4 and Y6 children will enter school before Y1, Y3 and Y5. Year Group bubbles need to be kept separate.
- Please can I remind parents to wear face coverings when entering the school grounds (unless exempt), and ensure that you maintain a two metre social distance when queuing to drop off and collect your child/ren, using the markings on the ground as a guide.
Please stand closer to the playground fence side of the pavements, to allow others to pass if necessary.
- Please remember only **ONE** parent/carer should be dropping off/picking up their child/ren.

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- In addition please could you ensure that you keep the gate entrances clear, and refrain from congregating on the school drive to speak to other parents/carers.
- Please remember to stay at home and book a COVID-19 test if your child or a member of your family has one of the main coronavirus symptoms:
 - a high temperature
 - a new, continuous cough
 - the loss or change of their sense of taste or smell

Continuation of routines, regulations and safety measures in place during the school day:

- ❖ Children and staff adhere to strict hand hygiene routines which includes additional washing of hands for at least 20 seconds or the administering of hand sanitiser at specific times of the day.
- ❖ Reminders of the 'Catch it - Bin it - Kill it' hygiene message
- ❖ Enhanced cleaning during the school day and on Friday afternoons
- ❖ Staff wearing of face coverings when they are moving around the school building/s, particularly if they are required to cross over bubble groups.
- ❖ Staff observing Social Distancing measures
- ❖ Staggered Year Group Bubble break and lunch time routines, with 'in-class' eating for some classes.
- ❖ One-way systems in place for specific areas of the school
- ❖ Children using personal resource packs
- ❖ Class bubbles using specific PE equipment, with fixed outdoor equipment being out of use until further notice.

I appreciate that as we approach the next phase of this school year, many children, parents and staff may be feeling anxious. It is important to talk to each other and express how we are feeling, as this will help prepare the way for adjustment and the return to some sort of routine.

With this letter I have included the '**Top tips for returning to school**' from the Medway Educational Psychology Service, which you may find useful to support your family preparation for next week.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school office on Tel. 01634 335490 or via e-mail office@thamesviewprimary.medway.sch.uk and from there you will be directed to the most appropriate member of staff.

Thank you for your support and understanding during the lockdown period and now as we make these changes once again.

Take care - follow the guidance - stay safe.

Best wishes

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Head of School