

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

**School returns for all Children - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will have seen on the news last week that the Government have released their 4 stage roadmap to the lifting of our current lockdown. Stage 1 sees the return to school for all children on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021**.

We are very excited that all children, from nursery to year six, will be returning back to face-to-face teaching and will be spending time with their friends and in their classroom. Children, parents and teachers have done an amazing job in keeping children learning, motivated and safe throughout this lockdown and the quality of remote education has been very high. However, nothing can replace being in school, learning together and developing relationships. Therefore, we are thrilled to be opening the school gates to all children on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

The school takes the safety of your children and the safety of our staff very seriously. Over the past two weeks we have reviewed and updated our risk assessments and put in place all possible measures to ensure everyone's safe return to school and school based learning.

I am aware that you may be apprehensive about sending your child back to school so I will outline all the procedures that we have in place to ensure we minimise the risk of Covid-19 across our schools.

**Safety Measures**

In school we have planned and prepared the following procedures:

- Daily Good Behaviours
- Staggered school opening and closing times
- Teacher will promote 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' with all children.
- Whole school approach to 'Hands, Face, Space'.
- Children will wash their hands regularly throughout the day.
- Social distancing will be maintained around the school buildings.
- Good ventilation throughout the school.
- Staff will wear face masks in shared areas of the school.
- Parents must wear a face mask when approaching school and in the playground.

**In the Classroom**

- Children will mainly stay in their class bubble with the class teacher and teaching assistant.
- Children will stay within their year group bubble in the playground and will not mix with other year groups.
- Children can sit together but all children will be facing forwards.
- Children will be allocated their own personal stationary.
- All classroom equipment used will be thoroughly cleaned at the end of each day.
- Each class has their own supply of disinfectant and all surface will be cleaned throughout the day.
- Windows will be opened to ensure good ventilation.

### **Movement Around School**

- Movement around school will be limited. Children will follow social distancing and use the markers on the floor to support this.
- All communal areas such as corridors have been adapted to show the 2 metre rule.
- All communal areas will have good ventilation.
- All staff will wear a face covering in shared areas of the school.
- Year group bubbles will be allocated their own personal space in the playground and will be reminded to maintain social distancing as much as possible.
- Additional hand sanitisers have been installed throughout the school and children are encouraged to use these.

### **Lunchtime**

- Each year group bubble has been allocated a hall space and lunchtime slot.
- All children will follow the one-way system.
- All surfaces will be cleaned before the next year group bubble enters the space.
- Classes will enter one at a time.
- Children will sit side by side and face forward.

### **Additional Cleaning**

- Additional cleaners have been appointed to clean the school throughout the day.
- Toilets will be checked and cleaned every hour.
- Additional adults will support with cleaning in the lunch halls.

### **Staff Testing**

All staff in school will test for Covid-19 twice weekly, through using the 30-minute Lateral Flow Device. This helps us identify members of the team who are Covid positive but are not displaying any symptoms. If a member of the team has a positive lateral flow test they must then attend a local centre to have a full PCR Covid-19 test. Whilst we wait for the results of the full Covid-19 test we will have to send home any children and staff who have been in close contact with the individual.

### **Drop Off and Pick Up**

The table below shows the location and times for drop off and pick up. Please arrive at the allocated times as this will ensure school is not overcrowded at peak times of the day. Stand 2 metres apart as indicated by the floor markings and wear a face mask. Do not gather in groups and chat to other parents on the gate and please be patient and respectful whilst waiting in the queue. Members of the Senior Leadership Team may ask you to move or refuse you entry if you do not follow the rules for dropping off and picking up your children.

Due to staggered school times, Cuckoo Hall and Woodpecker Hall continue to share the same school times.

Year 1-Year 6 parents will drop their children off at the allocated school gate in the morning. Nursery and Reception will drop off at the Reception and Nursery playground doors.

For pick-up all year groups will enter the school through Mottingham Road gates for Cuckoo Hall and Gate 1(main gate) for Woodpecker Hall, and follow the one way system.

If you have children in more than one year group, then you must drop off and pick up at the multiple year group time slot shown below.

<b>Cuckoo Hall Academy</b>				
Year Group	Drop Off		Pick Up	
	Gate	Time		
Nursery AM Nursery PM	Dartford Avenue	8 am 12:00 pm	Mottingham Road	11:00 am 3 pm
Reception	Dartford Avenue	8:20 am	Mottingham Road	3:00 pm
Year 1, Year 2	Mottingham Road	8:20 am	Mottingham Road	3:00 pm
Year 3	Cuckoo Hall Lane	8:20 am	Mottingham Road	3:00 pm
Year 4, Year 5	Mottingham Road	8:40 am	Mottingham Road	3:10 pm
Year 6	Cuckoo Hall Lane	8:40 am	Mottingham Road	3:10 pm
Multiple year groups	Mottingham Road	8:50 am	Mottingham Road	3:20 pm

<b>Woodpecker Hall Academy</b>				
Year Group	Drop Off		Pick Up	
	Gate	Time		
Nursery AM Nursery PM	Dartford Avenue	8 am 12:00 pm	Mottingham Road	11:00 am 3 pm
Reception	Dartford Avenue	8:20 am	Mottingham Road	3:00 pm
Year 1	Gate 3	8:20 am	Gate 1	3:00pm
Year 2	Gate 2	8:20 am	Gate 1	3:00pm
Year 3	Gate 1	8:20 am	Gate 1	3:00pm
Year 4	Gate 1	8:40 am	Gate 1	3:10pm
Year 5	Gate 3	8:40 am	Gate 1	3:10pm
Year 6	Gate 2	8:40 am	Gate 1	3:10pm
Multiple year groups	Gate 1	8:50am	Gate 1 (Main)	3:20pm

### **Breakfast Club and After School Care**

Woodpecker and Cuckoo Hall will jointly continue to run this. Both of these provisions will take place in the Cuckoo Hall dinner halls.

Children will be organised into two groups: *Group 1: YN, YR, Y1, Y2*

*Group 2: Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6*

As year group bubbles will be mixing we need to ensure that the groups are consistent. This means that we will not be able to add any additional children to the provision once this is established until after the Easter holidays.

If you require Breakfast Club or After School Care, then please book your place this week. You can contact Cuckoo Hall school office to book your place 020 8804 4126.

Children in both provisions will be asked to maintain social distancing at all times and resources will be thoroughly cleaned daily.

### **Well-Being and Learning Recovery Plan**

The staff and I have missed the children greatly and we can't wait to see them all again. We know that children may be a little worried about coming back to school and about Covid-19 in general.

Consequently, we have put in place a programme of support to address any issues they have with their emotional well-being and mental health. Your child's well-being is our top priority. We know that parents have done their very best to continue with education at home but for many this has not been easy as you have had to juggle many factors. Thank you for working with us during this period.

Many children will have fallen behind in their learning throughout the two national lockdowns and as a school we have been thinking of ways in which we can help children recover from this quickly and over time. This may involve additional lessons after school or possibly during the weekend. Please look out for letters that will invite your child to one or more of these sessions.

### **Vaccine, Covid-19 Symptoms and Self-Isolating**

It's brilliant that the Government have rolled out the vaccination programme and that huge numbers of the population have already been vaccinated. However, local data shows that the uptake of the vaccine is low in our community.

In order to protect each other and for our world to go back to normal I would urge everyone who is invited to have the vaccine to take up the offer. If you have reservations about the vaccine and would like to know the facts please contact your GP or if you want to chat about it I'm happy to speak to parents to understand the issue.

Only together, as a community, will we be able to overcome Covid-19 and get back to some sort of normal. Please help us by following the school expectations.

### **Covid -19 Symptoms**

All children must return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March unless they:

- Are clinically, extremely vulnerable
- Have tested positive for Covid-19
- Are living with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 and are self-isolating

Your child must not come to school if they display any of the following Covid-19 Symptoms:

- New continuous cough and/or
- High temperature
- A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 [here](#).

### **School Inset day - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

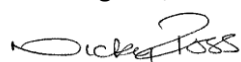
To help the staff prepare for the children's return to school on the 8<sup>th</sup> March we will be having a staff training day on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March. This means that school is closed to the Hub children on this day and there will be no remote learning.

Children who were given a chrome book and/or a Wi-Fi hotspot must return this to school on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Please drop off the devices to Cuckoo Hall office between 10 am and 4pm on this day.

We will then check and update all devices ready to be reallocated through our loan library.

The school staff and I are very much looking forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March at your allocated time. Please look carefully at the time and gate for your arrival at school. Arrive at the allocated time and not before as this will help us return to school safely.

Kind Regards,



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