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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move towards returning to school, can I take this opportunity to thank you all once again, for the tremendous support you have given us over the last few challenging months. We are really looking forward to the re-opening of our school to all our children on Monday 8th March.

The Department for Education (DfE) has released updated guidance as to how this should happen safely. We have thought very hard about how we can achieve the safe re-integration of all our children and based our planning on the guidance. The purpose of this letter is to explain to you what will happen in next week.

How it will work:

- Each class will each be based in their own classroom. There will be three 'bubbles' across the school – (1) Nursery (2) Year 2 and (3) Reception and Year 1. The bubbles will not mix with one another and we will endeavour to ensure that the same staff remain with each bubble each day.
- Each class will continue to have staggered entry and exit times. Timings will be shared with you by your child's class teacher on See Saw. Siblings in different classes are allowed to come to school and leave school at the same time. Just contact the class teachers about this.

Nursery	AM	PM	All Day
	8.30 -11.30	12.15 – 3.15	8.30 – 3.15

	Entry	Exit
Reception	8.40	3.05
Year 1	8.50	3.15
Year 2	8.30	2.55

- We continue to ask that, wherever possible, only one parent/carer accompanies each child to school. Parent/carer and child must stand at a cone on the playground and not use the playground for other activities. Gatherings on the playground are still not permitted. Please continue to support us by following this guidance.

- Parents/carers will not be able to enter the school building, unless they have a pre-arranged appointment, so we ask that, wherever possible, any communication with school continues to be via e-mail to the school office (office@selston.notts.sch.uk) or by telephone.
- Lunch times, break times and access to outdoor space through the day will be staggered to create distancing between bubbles when they are outside.
- Children will eat lunches either in their classroom or in the dining area with other children in their bubble.
- Breakfast Club will be available starting at 7.30.
- After-School Clubs will not be taking place.
- Children may bring coats, hats, gloves and scarves to school. They will be able to take reading folders home and these will be disinfected when they bring them back into school each day. Water bottles and anything else from home are not permitted. **We strongly recommend that your child has a school lunch to avoid the need to bring lunch boxes to school.**
- Children will be expected to wear uniform as normal but we understand that the additional washing required as a result of the virus sometimes makes this hard. Please speak to a member of staff if you are concerned about this and we will help.

Health/Medical Guidance

- We will be following the DfE guidance relating to a system of controls. These are a set of actions we must take both to prevent and respond to any infection.
- Temperature checks will continue to be carried out at the start of the day for all staff and children entering the building.
- Children will continue to wash their hands regularly throughout the day. Hand gel will also be available.
- Department for Education guidance states that masks do not need to be worn by children of our particular age group. School staff have been given guidance about how to remove them safely from children. If your child wears a mask to school, please remove it before they enter the building. Should the Government's position on the wearing of face masks change, we will contact you.

- Staff will continue to use personal protective equipment (PPE) as set out in the DfE guidance. Aprons, gloves and face masks will be available to them for specific purposes. Staff will not wear PPE as part of normal daily practice.
- Cleaning arrangements will remain enhanced. The staff team will be regularly cleaning throughout the day. The caretaker will be cleaning twice a day and undertaking regular deep cleans of priority areas.
- Classroom doors will be propped open (where safe to do so) to limit the use of door handles and aid ventilation. Windows will be open during the day.
- Shared materials and surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected frequently.
- If your child begins to display symptoms of the virus (a new, continuous cough, a high temperature, a loss of or change in their normal sense of taste or smell) you will be contacted to collect her/him from school immediately. You will be advised to follow '[Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)'.
- You will need to arrange a test via the NHS website. If the test is positive, your child must self-isolate for at least 7 days. Other members of the household should self-isolate for 14 days. If the test is negative, your child may return to school once they feel better. The same rules apply to any member of staff displaying symptoms at work.
- If a positive test result is confirmed and we need to close a bubble, then both staff and children within the bubble must self-isolate at home and should be monitored for any symptoms for 14 days. Other members of the household do NOT need to self-isolate unless their child starts to show symptoms. Siblings who are in other bubbles at school may continue to attend school.
- We will notify you of the return to school date at the point of closure. Online learning will be available the day after the bubble's closure.
- If we have two or more confirmed cases within 14 days, or an overall rise in sickness absence where coronavirus (COVID-19) is suspected, we may have an outbreak. If this is the case, we must continue to work with our local health protection team who will be able to advise if additional action is required.
- In some cases, health protection teams may recommend that a larger number of other children self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure – this could include the whole school.

- Any child who is unwell for any reason, however minor, must stay at home until they are completely well. School staff are able to administer prescribed medication with your written permission.

Attendance

- Attendance at school becomes mandatory from Monday 8th March for all children of statutory school age. There will be no keyworker groups (unless there is a local 'spike' in infections that triggers school closure) and all children will be expected to attend school from Monday to Friday.
- We will be implementing our normal attendance policy and will resume our attendance monitoring processes. We remain unable to authorise any term time applications for holidays. We do, however, understand that there may be some exceptional circumstances for individual families linked to Covid 19. Please talk to us about this if you are worried.

Once again, there is a great deal of information to digest. Let me assure you that we continue to take all the advice that is available to us, and are happy to talk to you about this. Please feel free to contact the staff on See Saw, or me via the school office.

Thank you again for all your support.

Warm wishes,

Alison Taylor