



22nd February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Tonight, Boris Johnson will outline the 'route map' to get the country out of lockdown. I know that the staff are keen to have all the children back in school together.

We know that there will be an expectation that schools open **from** 8th March 2021. This may not mean that all children will be back into school straight away and we may have a phased return like June 2020. We need to work together to get all children ready for returning - however this will look.

Over the next few weeks, we would like your support to help the children adjust back into school life. To do this, please

- Ensure they get back into **regular sleeping habits** – going to bed and waking up at the same time
- Get **ready in the mornings with breakfast** before they start learning
- Ensure that your **child takes part in as many of the activities on Google Classroom as they can**
- Get **your child to work on their own – independently**. This is what they do in school and it will be important that they 'have a go' on their own and 'keep trying' on their own
- **Organise book bag and water bottle** so that they are ready to go
- Check uniform/ shoes fit
- **Get outside and do more exercise**- walking around the block/ throwing a ball around in the park/ running along a path as fast as they can. Many children were very tired very quickly when we returned in September. This may help them to get to Easter not so tired.

The staff will be preparing the school for the children's return. As well as this, teachers will be running Google Classroom and planning for the four weeks when the children are back together. They really want the children's return to be smooth and successful.

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Above all, we need to ensure that children, parents and staff are safe when we return. This is not a return to 'normal'. To date, three members of staff have been vaccinated, meaning that most staff and children have not. The risk of catching/ spreading Covid19 remains.

The routines that we set up in the Autumn term will continue. Reminders are below which should be shared with your children.

- **Handwashing/ sanitising continues** throughout the day to help keep us safe. Please ensure your child remembers this and knows how to stick to it
- **Break and lunchtimes** for EYFS/ KS1/ KS2 will be **separate**
- Children are only allowed to bring into school their **school book bag, water bottle and a small lunch bag if they have packed lunches**
- Children to **come to school in their PE kits on the days that they have PE**. All children, except Pearls, have PE on Mondays.
- We are asking **you to continue to wear masks** when dropping off and collecting children
- **Please follow the one way system** to drop off and collect children
- **All families should follow Government information in relation to social distancing**
- **Times will remain as below for drop off and collection of children**. If children in Gold Class are able to walk to and from school on their own, this would reduce the number of adults that we have in the playground and around the school. Please let Miss Greene or Mrs Atkins know if they are.

Groups	Start of the day	End of the day
Families with children in different key stages	0840	1520
EYFS/ KS1	0900	1510
KS2	0850	1530

When all children return Staff will

- Settle the children back by reviewing routines and expectations
- Assess their learning behaviours. These are our learning characters and are crucial for all children when learning. There will be teaching/ activities to re-build any behaviours that may hold children back
- See what the children know and can do independently across all subjects. There will be some tests so that we can get a true picture of where the children are. This information will support planning for the next few weeks and summer term
- Plan catch-up based upon our assessments, where needed

Once again, a different start and changes. The Riverview community has continued to do an incredible job of rising to the challenges of Covid19. We have kept each other safe and continued education. Parents and carers at home have done an incredible job since 6th January but I know that many children need to return to school. When we have further information about how re-opening is to be organised, we will contact you.

I hope that families continue to be safe and well. The Riverview Team cannot wait to see all the children again.

Mrs M Atkins
Headteacher