



Wednesday 3rd March 2021

Dear Families,

Returning to West Earlham Infant & Nursery School on Monday March 8th

We are very much looking forward to welcoming **all children in main school**, back on **Monday 8th March 2021**.

As you will be aware, nursery has been open throughout this current lockdown, as has school to vulnerable and keyworker children. We will therefore continue to uphold all the measures we have in place, to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus. As **covid19 is an airborne virus**, it is particularly important that we continue to insist that adults on site wear **face masks** when dropping off and collecting their child/children. We will be ensuring that school continues to be well ventilated (opening of windows and doors) and as much as possible that activities take place in the outdoors. Like many of our families, school staff have not been vaccinated and therefore the risk of becoming ill with covid19 as an adult, is still very real. Thankfully the risk of illness to children, continues to remain very low.

Attendance

From **Monday 8th March**, all children in main school are expected to attend in the normal way. If your child is not well enough to attend school on a particular day, please contact the school office (01603 451299) by 9am.

Coming to School and End of the School Day Arrangements

Children will return to year group bubbles and staggered start and finish times will resume to reduce the number of children and adults coming into school at any one time. Please note only **1 adult per child/family in a mask** will be able to come on site. Please arrive promptly and enter and leave the school by **staying to the right** and not blocking the main entrance doors.

Nursery AM 8.40 – 11.40am (from 11.30) **Nursery PM** 12.30pm – 3.30pm (from 3.15)

Reception 9.00am – 3.05 pm **Mulberry** 9.00am – 3.05pm

Year 1 8.50am - 2.55 pm **Year 2** 9.10am – 3.15 pm

Staff will **not be able to have conversations** with you at the start and end of the day on the classroom door, but if you need to discuss something **urgently** at those times, please let me or my colleagues on the main entrance know and will be happy to help. You can also contact your child's

class teacher via classdojo or email.

Please **DO NOT** arrive before these times and please do not gather around the gates or pathways leading up to school. It is important that adults maintain social distancing in and out of school

If you have more than 1 child in a year group, please bring all children at the later time and collect at the later time.

Continue to **walk** to school as far as possible to reduce the number of cars parked on the road. If you do need to drive to school, car journeys should only be shared with members of your own family.

If a parent or carer is **clinically vulnerable and shielding**, please do not bring your child to school yourself. Please make alternative arrangements for your child to get to school. If this is an issue, please contact the school office 01603 451299

If your child uses **public transport or wears a mask to school**, the mask will need to be removed at the classroom door. Children will be asked to place their mask in a named plastic bag which will be sealed and given back to the child at the end of the school day.

What Your Child Needs to Bring

Your child will be expected to **wear school uniform** (not nursery) and will need a named **coat, wellington boots, spare clothes in a named bag which can stay on their peg (we are running very low on spare clothes in reception) and a book bag**. Due to the measures in place to ensure classrooms are well ventilated, please **dress your child warmly**, as the weather is still chilly at times

Please **do not** bring in extra items from home such as toys.

On days when your child has PE, your child should wear their PE kit to school. If it is cold they can wear jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt as well as their shorts and top. This is because it is too hard to maintain any sort of distancing when changing in the classrooms and children's clothing may get mixed up. These days are as follows:

Year 1 – Monday, Tuesday & Friday

Year 2 – Wednesday & Thursday

Mulberry – Thursday & Friday

Breakfast

Children in main school will continue to be offered a bagel for breakfast in their classroom when they arrive if they would like.

Lunches

Children will continue to eat school lunch in their classroom as before. Each class has specific staff to supervise them during lunchtime.

During the School Day

At West Earlham Infant & Nursery School, the ‘bubbles’ are the year group that your child is in. Indoors your child will mostly be working with their class, but outdoors they will be mixing with their year group. Children will move around school in their class/year group. Children will be accompanied in the corridor when visiting the toilet. Regular hand washing with soap, for example on coming into school, in between activities, before eating and coming back in from lunch, will continue to be enforced.

Parents and Carers Visiting the School

We ask that you continue to phone or email office@westearlhaminfant.norfolk.sch.uk with a question or enquiry, rather than come into school at this time. This will help you and the school staff to stay safe. If your child is taking any prescribed medication please bring this to the school office. This will need to be collected by an adult at the end of the school day.

If your child is unwell

Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell. If you are in any doubt, please phone the school office for advice. We understand that many children nationally who have tested positive for covid19, **didn't display the typical symptoms** of cough, fever and lack of smell or taste. Other symptoms to look out for are **headache, sore throat, tiredness and loss of appetite.**

If you or any members of your household have any Covid-19 symptoms you are all advised to get tested. Please **inform the school office** if your child has a **positive test**, as soon as possible. If this occurs at the weekend or during the school holidays, please email covid@weins.co.uk

Remote learning

If you were loaned a **chromebook** before half term, please can you ensure it is **returned on Monday 8th March**. It can be handed over to your child's class teacher.

In the case of a further lockdown or a bubble closure due to a positive case, staff will resume remote learning, with similar arrangements. Thank you to the families who took part in the online survey. Please see the responses below.

Remote learning questionnaire to families – February 2021

38/140 Responses.

Q1 Positive responses = 36/38 = 94% N/A answer = 1/38 = 3% Negative response = 1/38 = 3%

Q2 Positive responses = 38/38 = 100%

Q3 Yes = 35/38 = 91% Yes and no = 1 = 3% No = 2 = 6%

Q4 Yes = 0 No = 27 = 71% No with comment = 9 = 24% N/A = 2 = 5%

Question	What you told us...	What can we do
Q1. "What is working well for you and your child with remote learning?"	You said you like the videos class teachers are filming. You like the routine it is bringing to each day. You have enjoyed seeing how the children learn and that you like the Class Dojo app. Some people felt paper packs are easier. You said that you are pleased that the children are not missing out on their	We are so pleased that Dojo has been successful for so many of you. It has been amazing to see all of the learning each day. Whilst we know some families prefer different ways of learning (class dojo/paper), we have worked with families on a case by case basis to support in the right way at the

	education.	time.
Q2. "What are your favourite activities to do with your child?"	We loved to hear that you are enjoying maths, baking, reading and RWI.	We are working really hard at planning a range of activities at home to ensure that the children continue to receive a broad and balanced education..
Q3 "Do you feel your child is getting enough contact with their teacher?"	91% of responses think their child is getting more than enough contact with the class teacher. You know you can message your class teacher and they will message back.	We know some of you said you would like more personalised messages from teachers. We are working hard to balance teacher workload with providing the right level of support. We are always here if you need us, please contact your class teacher via Dojo with questions about learning. If there is anything more urgent, call the school office.
Q4 "Is there anything we could do better?"	95% of responses were very positive and you could not think of anything that would improve the experience.	We are always looking for ways to improve. We have listened to your feedback on the length of some of the videos and have tried to keep these as short, snappy and engaging as possible.

I appreciate that there is a lot of information here, but all of it is important to share with you. If you have any queries before Monday 8th March, please contact the school office.

Best wishes

Mrs S Mardell

Headteacher

