



1st March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Stepping through 2021 Lockdown – Step 9 The Final Step

It's been fabulous to be able to welcome some blue skies to our lives over the last few days, and particularly over the weekend. We hope that you and your families have been able to enjoy these within the limits that remain in place as we try, together, to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Happily, there is a different sort of blue sky emerging over Haytor View this week – the one that appears as we get closer to welcoming all children back to school – there is just one week to go and we are really looking forward to it!

Before sharing a few reminders with you about keeping each other safe on the school site we're quick to recognise that in many circumstances 'the last mile is the hardest mile'. With this in mind if there is anything that we can help with before your child's return to us, do get in touch. You know where we are, and we will always try to make your effort to get in touch worth your while.

Returning on Monday 8th March – A Few Reminders

First of all it's a pleasure to confirm that **all children** will be welcomed back into school from next Monday. It remains as important as ever that we all take steps to support each other, children and adults, remaining **safe and comfortable** during this time. With this in mind we will be maintaining the approaches that we used before this school closure period to keep children and adults in school **safe and comfortable**.

Be assured that once in school, children and adults will continue to spend their day in bubbles of two classes. Additionally now, adults working in school are undergoing COVID testing at home twice a week. These bubbles are maintained throughout the day including break and dinner times. **We all have a responsibility to keep each other safe and comfortable at the start and end of the school day.**

Key points for you to remember as we seek to keep the school safe are:-

- Drop-off and pick-up are from 8.30 - 9.00am each morning and at 3.15pm at the end of the day.
- Maintain your distance from others during this time - guidelines still suggest 2 metres.
- Please wear a face mask, if this allows you to feel more comfortable for yourself and others.
- Arrive as close to the end of the day as possible to avoid difficulties with distancing. Arriving early means queues and makes distancing difficult.
- Always keep your children and family members close at all times – for their own safety and comfort, as well as that of others.
- Follow the entrance and exit lanes on the school driveway.
- We would ask that only one parent/carer manages pick up/drop-off to keep the number of people on the school site as small as possible.
- Keep moving on site once you have picked up your children – this will avoid 'jams' in key areas such as the drive.

Be aware of others around you at all times – keep each other safe and comfortable.

There may be small changes to within-school approaches as we seek to take on board guidance as well as consider our context over the next period of weeks and months. We will make you aware of these via the weekly school newsletter.

It is great to be welcoming children back within a school community where we know we can rely on each other to stay safe and be considerate of everyone around us. We look forward to seeing you all!

Yours sincerely,

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