



The Whartons Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carers,

Following the announcement by Mr Johnson yesterday evening, we will be pleased to welcome all the children back to school from Monday 8th March..

I am resending the advice and procedures which I sent out in January as a reminder to all staff, children and families.

It is great news that we can start to return to some sense of normality. However, to ensure we can continue on the government's road map to removal of restrictions by the end of the summer we will all have to do our bit to ease cautiously back into school life.

It's essential that when we do open, all of us - parents, pupils and staff- continue to adhere strictly to the measures we have had in place since autumn term. In summary,

all **staff** will:

- wear face coverings (masks or visors) in communal areas around school and when working with children in the classroom or as part of an intervention.
- adhere as much as possible to social distancing within school (in an age-appropriate way).
- keep classes apart as 'bubbles' throughout the school day.
- ensure all workspaces are well-ventilated.
- implement additional cleaning routines, including 'touch it, wipe it', additional cleaning of resources and surfaces during and after the school day.
- limit the sharing of resources.
- follow regular and thorough routines for hand washing/ sanitising throughout the day.
- group children discretely in breakfast and after school clubs.
- Carry out twice weekly Lateral Flow COVID tests, report the results to track and trace and the school. Any positive result will be followed by booking a PCR test via NHS 119.



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all pupils must:

- follow the expectations outlined by staff.
- use individual equipment as much as possible
- be asked to limit physical contact with their peers wherever possible
- wash/ sanitise their hands very regularly as directed by staff.
- bring a named water bottle every day (Rec- Y6).
- bring all equipment needed in a bag/rucksack which will be stored on their own chair.
- leave all non-essential items at home.

you must:

- stick to the rules set out by government and resist the temptation to bend or break them, even if it feels safe for you to do so. COVID-19 is spread by social contact.
- follow the staggered start and end of the day procedures carefully, and ensure that you arrive/ leave promptly, limiting the time you spend talking to others at drop off and pick up.
- wear a face mask at all times when dropping off and picking up.
- remain vigilant about the symptoms of coronavirus and ensure that the whole household self-isolates immediately if any member of your household displays symptoms (refer to the quick guide we have previously circulated for full details).
- not delay self-isolation if your child or any household member is known to have come into contact with a positive case of coronavirus outside of your household.
- Continue to reinforce key messages at home, including 'Hands - Face - Space', 'Catch it, bin it, kill it', and ensure your child knows how to cough or sneeze into the crook of their elbow.
- Continue to ensure your child washes their hands regularly and thoroughly and closes the toilet lid before flushing.
- Continue to ensure that long hair is tied back for school every day.
- Ensure your child brings the correct equipment, and nothing else, to school each day.



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Staggered drop off and pick up arrangements:

	Rec	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Start time	9.05am	8.45am	9.05am	8.50am	8.45am	8.55am	8.45am
Finish time	3.20pm	3.05pm	3.20pm	3.10pm	3.05pm	3.15pm	3.05pm
Enter/ Exit	Reception Fire Exit Door	Y1 Fire Exit Door	Y2 Fire Door Cloakroom	Y3 Fire Exit door	Y4 Fire Exit Door	Y5 Fire Exit Door	Y6 Cloakroom Door
Entrance/Exit Gate	Upper KS1 playground gate	Lower KS1 playground gate	Lower KS1 playground gate	Back Car Park Gate	Upper KS1 playground gate	Back Car Park Gate	Back Car Park Gate

In view of how transmissible the new variant of COVID-19 is, none of us can afford to be complacent on any of these points.

If a bubble does have to collapse, whilst waiting for the results of a COVID test or indeed if any member of a bubble tests positive for COVID, then remote learning will be provided on the Google Classrooms in the same way as during the last lockdown.

All current school COVID-19 information (including an up to date reopening policy) can be found [here](#) on the school website.

Thank you for your consistent understanding, patience and support during what has been another very challenging period. Let us hope it is the last.

Yours sincerely

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