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Loving one another, building each other up

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Dear Parents,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all children back into school on Monday 8th March 2021. Should you have any concerns please contact us.

Please note the new start and finish times.

Class	Start Time	Finish Time
Pre-School	8.45	2.45
Holly Leaves	Between 8.50 – 9.00	Between 3.05 – 3.15
Holly Berries	Between 8.50 – 9.00	Between 3.05 – 3.15
Chestnut	Between 8.40 – 8.50	Between 2.55 - 3.05
Maple	Between 8.40 – 8.50	Between 2.55 – 3.05

We ask that you drop off and pick up between the allocated times for your child's class to enable a flow of parents to the site rather than one solid block. Again we will be operating a 'drop and go' / 'pick- up and go' policy and ask that parents do not gather to chat in the playground or in Oak Way car park.

If you have children in different classes, please choose the start and finish time for one particular class and use that for all siblings. If you have a child in the pre-school and siblings in other classes you will be able to match your drop off and pick up times to those for the pre-school.

Children will enter and leave through their normal class doors. We will not be allowing any entry to the school through the front entrance. If your child is late for school and the classroom door is closed then please take them to the school office as normal to be signed in.

Illness

If your child is unwell before the start of the school day, please do not bring them into school. Please phone the school office and let a member of staff know exactly what symptoms your child is exhibiting, even if you do not suspect Covid-19.

If your child becomes ill during the school day, we will ask to you come and pick them up as soon as possible. We will request that you access a Covid-19 test and follow the government guidance [‘stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection’](#).

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. However, if you have any of the symptoms above you must stay at home and arrange to have a test to see if you have COVID-19. Information on how to access a test can be found online at www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test.

PE

In order to minimise close contact in confined spaces like cloakrooms we are asking that children wear their PE kit to school on the day that they have PE. It is acceptable for children to wear jogging bottoms if the weather is cold, their house coloured plain t-shirt, school jumper/cardigan and trainers/daps.

Class	PE Day
Holly Leaves	Monday
Holly Berries	Wednesday
Chestnut	Tuesday
Maple	Thursday

Lunchtime

We continue to ask that children bring packed lunches to school as we will not be offering hot school dinners. A packed lunch can be ordered through Caterlink if needed.

Lunchtimes will continue to operate on a staggered basis with each class having their lunch and playtime separate to the other classes.

Uniform

We expect that all children will wear their uniform as normal.

Bringing Items into School

Children must not bring items from home into school, with the exception of their lunch box, drink bottle and reading book.

Rock Steady Music

Rock Steady lessons will resume on Thursday 11th March, if you would like to join in the fun please contact them directly at www.rocksteadymusicschool.com

Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college

NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. Test kits can either be collected or ordered online. As a School we are not able to give test kits to parents, carers or household members. Secondary school and college students will continue to access testing through their school or college.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles. Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are different ways for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other

Further information is available at: [Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff)