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Message for the children

Dear Children,

We are so, so happy that schools can open again, very soon, on 8th March. We can't wait to see you. We have some lovely activities planned for our first week back including a creative art day on Monday and a chance to use our new running track!

While your teachers have been enjoying seeing the work you sent in on Google Classroom, please do bring your exercise books into school so we can really appreciate all you have achieved.

I bet you have all grown over the last few weeks.

I really am so excited – I might even join you on your jog around the running track on your first day!

We can't wait to see you soon.

Best wishes

Mrs Humphrys and all the staff at Kellington Primary School

Information for Parents – Return to School – 8th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted that we will be welcoming back all children on Monday 8th March.

We intend to follow very similar organisational procedures that were in place from September to the end of December, we have just tweaked a few things.

I have included below a few reminders of school organisation and how we can work together to keep our school community safe as much as possible! Whilst things are thankfully improving, we do need to remain careful and cautious

Drop off and collection arrangements.

Please see below for the staggered times of drop off and collection for your child.

Year Group	Drop off	Collection
Sunflowers (Nursery)	8.45 - classroom door	11.45 - playground gate
Daffodils	8.45- classroom door (carpark)	3.15 classroom door (carpark)
Roses	8.45- classroom door (main entrance)	3.15 -classroom door (main ent.)
Tulips	8.50 - classroom door	3.20 -classroom door
Lilies	8.50 - classroom door	3.20 -classroom door

It is really important that we continue to follow **social distancing measures** when on site until further restrictions are lifted nationally and follow **the one way system** when delivering or collecting your child from school will continue.

This includes:

- The importance of keeping to the allocated time slot in order to prevent a build-up of people on site.
- The requirement of all adults and children over 12 years olds to wear face coverings when coming onto the school site.
- Keeping your children close to you when you are waiting on the playground
- One adult only to drop off and collect children please.

In school we will continue to ensure that:

- Children remain in their class bubbles – this includes break times and lunchtime as well as class time.
- There will be minimal movement of staff between bubbles.
- We will continue to uphold strict hygiene procedures including enhanced cleaning of the building during the school day.
- We will continue to ask children to undertake regular handwashing and/or use of hand sanitisers including on arrival at school, before/after breaks, before eating, after using the toilet, before going home.

Uniform:

All children should wear full school uniform from 8th March, including black school shoes.

Please speak to me if you have any issues. All nail polish to be removed for school please, no jewelry except plain stud earrings and a watch and long hair should be tied back.

Please can all children have their PE kit in school **everyday**, including a pair of trainers or plimsolls. All PE lessons will take place outside and so clothing needs to be appropriate. Can we remind you that your child can not take part in PE without a change of clothes and suitable footwear. Earrings should be removed for PE.

Water: Children need to bring their own named water bottle to school, containing only water, to drink throughout the day. They may bring a bottle of juice to drink with their lunch.

School meals: Unfortunately the pre order facility for school lunches will not be available until after Easter. We will supply you with a menu for the next three weeks to help you decide with your child the choice they will make. Please continue to use Parentpay to pay for your child's lunches. We continue to endeavour to be a 'cash free' school.

Moving Children's Education Forwards.

We are aware that during this current lockdown children's learning at home has been much more robust than in the previous lockdown, and a huge thank you once again to you all, for everything you have been doing to support your child and the staff with this!

We have also been monitoring the children's learning much more closely. However, we appreciate that remote learning is not quite the same as in class - quality face to face teaching - and that every family will have had different personal circumstances to juggle throughout this time.

Once children have returned to school we will be quickly carrying out assessments to re-establish their attainment and next steps in learning, tailoring whole class, small group or individual learning to suit and ensuring children move rapidly forwards from their respective starting points with the support of the teaching and support staff.

After Easter a short report will be shared, followed by the undertaking of parent consultations via telephone appointments, after we have identified your child's next steps. The meeting will enable us to share with you where children are at and their learning goals.

We will be setting all homework via Google Classroom

Remote Learning – if classes or individuals have to isolate.

While we sincerely hope we do not have to action this, in the event of a class bubble closing or an individual needing to isolate, we will continue to offer support with learning at home via Google Classroom. Teachers will post work for any child who is at home isolating due to COVID19. This will take the format of instructions and worksheets/tasks.

Work will be responded to but this will not be immediate, as the teacher's time will be focused on the class teaching.

If a whole class bubble were to close, staff will post a mixture of PowerPoints, instructions and videos to support learning and will respond to work sent in, as in Lockdown.

(Please note we will not post work for children who are ill – as if they are not in school for any other reason, they clearly need time to get well.)

We look forward to seeing all children on 8th March

From the 8th March, school attendance is once again mandatory. It is important that life begins to return to some form of normality for all of us and that children have the opportunity to interact with others and learn in the classroom.

Please rest assured that while enabling this to happen, we will of course be making sure every effort is made to keep everyone safe. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact school and hopefully we will be able to put your mind at rest.

If your child cannot attend school for any reason, it is important that you call school on the day to inform us. If you are concerned that your child may have symptoms of COVID19 it is important that you follow the guidance as outlined in this document.

What to do if your child or a member of your family is unwell or in the event of someone testing positive for COVID19.

In order to ensure that we keep everyone safe and to minimise further potential closure, I continue to ask that if your child is ill, has any of the symptoms of COVID19, or wider reported symptoms, that you keep your child at home and where possible get a test.

If anyone in your house has symptoms, children should also remain at home until a negative test has been established or in the event of a positive test to follow NHS guidance.

In the event of someone within the school community testing positive – school will inform the Local Authority and in turn Public Health England, and follow their advice.

Anyone who tests positive for COVID or those deemed as a close contact would be required to isolate for 10 days following the day symptoms began or the last date of contact (for associates).

In the event of a bubble needing to close, parents would receive a notification via email and in the case of a last minute notification a message would be sent out via text in the first instance.

If a child becomes unwell in school with coronavirus symptoms, we have clear plans in place.

- Parents will be contacted immediately to collect their child who will remain separated from other children and supervised by staff at a safe distance.
- PPE is available for staff if required.

All our staff are now able to undertake lateral flow tests twice per week. There are no lateral flow tests available for children in Primary School.

Communication with your child's class teacher.

As we must continue to maintain social distancing, we also continue to invite parents to share communications by emailing or telephoning the school

Teachers will be busy in class however the message will be passed on to the relevant staff member who will contact you. (Please do not rely on sending a message via the children's Google account as staff will not be checking this as regularly as during Lockdown.)

Returning school equipment

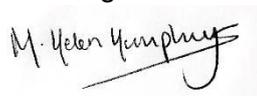
In preparation for the children's return to school, we ask that Reception and Key stage 1 children return any reading books next week, in the usual way.

Children who have loaned devices - Please could we ask that they are returned to school during the w/c 8th March?

As always if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

I will post any further information on the Friday letter or by email to you before Monday.

Kind regards



Helen Humphrys