



February 26th 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that this letter finds your family safe and well.

Following a period of time that has involved many challenges for everyone, we have received the government guidance about **fully opening school**. I am pleased to say that all children can return to school from Monday 8th March.

Enclosed is information which I hope you will share with your child. We have tried to keep things as familiar as possible within the limits of our risk assessment and will spend a lot of time focusing on their wellbeing and settling them back in to school life.

We will need to **continue with staggered start and end times** for the school day that we had last term. These are necessary to prevent large crowds at the gates and to maintain year group bubbles within school.

We are aware that this may create challenges for a small number of families. Please contact school if your family has **children who have start times that are 30 minutes or more apart and we will arrange a supervised space for them to wait within their year group**. The entrance for this provision will be the main door.

Newby Fun Factory will also reopen from the 8th March with limited availability due to their Covid risk assessment requiring them to limit numbers. Please visit <https://newbyfunfactory.co.uk/> for details.

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What will happen in the week beginning 1 st March?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remote learning will continue but with only one call from teachers. This is to allow staff the time to set up school in preparation for the 8th March. Our staff will continue to contact some families more often.• Critical Worker Provision will continue. Nb. No additional places are available.• The Pop-Up Porch Library will remain open in the main entrance.• Families eligible for free school meal vouchers will continue to receive them.• Before the 8th March we will send out a text message if the plans have had to change due to a Covid outbreak that has caused lockdown.• The Uniform Shop will be open on Thursday from 2.00pm until 3.30pm in the main entrance for you to buy new and nearly new uniform (prices from as little as £1)																								
Week Beginning 8 th March. How will the day start?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One adult from home will bring children to the gate that is listed below at the same time as everyone in the year group. Please stay 2m apart as you queue. <table><tr><th>Year Group</th><th>Start Time</th><th>End Time</th><th>Gate to use</th></tr><tr><td>Newby Early Years</td><td>9.30am</td><td>3.30pm</td><td>Kitchen Car Park</td></tr><tr><td>Reception</td><td>9.00am</td><td>3.00pm</td><td>Kitchen Car Park</td></tr><tr><td>Year 1</td><td>9.20am</td><td>3.20pm</td><td>Kitchen Car Park</td></tr><tr><td>Year 2</td><td>8.40am</td><td>2.40pm</td><td>Kitchen Car Park</td></tr><tr><td>Year 3</td><td>9.30am</td><td>3.30pm</td><td>KS2 Gate</td></tr></table>	Year Group	Start Time	End Time	Gate to use	Newby Early Years	9.30am	3.30pm	Kitchen Car Park	Reception	9.00am	3.00pm	Kitchen Car Park	Year 1	9.20am	3.20pm	Kitchen Car Park	Year 2	8.40am	2.40pm	Kitchen Car Park	Year 3	9.30am	3.30pm	KS2 Gate
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children will use sanitiser and hand washing to clean their hands. There will be a significant amount of time in all classes during the first week and beyond that will focus on pupil wellbeing. 			
What can children bring?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children can only bring a coat, a packed lunch (if needed), a water bottle and their school books from home learning. Please leave everything else at home. 			
What are the arrangements for lunch?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Reception and KS1 children will get their government-funded meal. Key Stage 2 children can choose to bring their own packed lunch or book a school meal (£2.10 per day). Lunches must be paid for using the ParentPay App. Please contact the office to register. It is menu Week 1. See the school app and website for details. Lunchtimes will be 40 minutes to enable us to have staggered times for each year group. 			
What will be in place in school that is different to normal?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Reception and Year 1 the classrooms will be as near to normal as we can make them with soft furnishings/toys removed and resources cleaned and rotated regularly. In Years 2 to 6, all desks and chairs face the front and have gaps between them. In Years 2 to 6, all other furniture has been removed from classrooms to create as much space as possible. In Years 2 to 6, there is a plastic tray that stays on the desk with resources in. In Years 2 to 6, coats will stay on the back of chairs during the day. PE will be carried out without getting changed. Please wear suitable shoes/trainers. 			
What important safety arrangements will be in place?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hand washing and sanitising will be done frequently. Children will be asked not to touch other children or adults. Desks and equipment will be cleaned regularly during the day. Year groups will not mix with other year groups. Each Year group will have its own set of equipment that will be cleaned after use. Children won't be able to bring toys from home. 			
What will happen if school is instructed to close due to an outbreak of Covid-19?	<p>If we find out that we can't open on the 8th of March:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will continue our home learning offer as we have been doing and inform you by text. <p>If we find out that we must close all, or part of, school during term time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents/Carers will be informed by text (Please keep your contact details up to date.) If the lockdown is for longer than two weeks, further home learning activities will be put on the website and in the school porch for collection. 			

I hope that this is useful information. More details about the assessment of pupils, responses to meet their needs and other activities in school such as parents/carers' evening will be sent out next week.

Please contact school on 01723 365686 if there are any specific things that you need to know.

Stay safe,

Chris Kirkham-Knowles (Headteacher)