

3rd March 2021

Dear parents/carers

RETURN TO SCHOOL – 8TH MARCH

I wanted to write to you to explain the plans for all children returning to school on 8th March. We are very much looking forward to welcoming all those who have been working at home back and returning to some sort of 'normality'.

In order to return in the safest possible way and ensure we are following all government guidelines, we have fully reviewed and updated our Risk Assessment and have ensured all safety measures have been met. Please could I ask you to read the following information fully:

Start and finish times.

We will need to return to our staggered approach to the start and end of the school day. We have amended this slightly in order to reduce the amount of people in the playground. Timings will be as follows:

Start 8:45 Finish 3:10	Reception	Year 2	Year 3/4
Start 8:55 Finish 3:20	Year 1	Year 4/5	Year 5/6

Please note, unlike last time, we would like siblings to be dropped off and collected at the LATER time. Do let us know if this causes any problems. Could I please ask that you stick strictly to these times.

Playground

We will continue to operate our one-way system as previously. Please continue to wear a mask when collecting and dropping off your child. Could we also remind you that you **must** pay careful attention to social distancing rules whilst in the playground. This is one of the most important factors in reducing the risk of spreading Coronavirus.

Lunches

For lunch, your child may now alternate between sandwiches and school dinners however, this will need to be the same pattern each week, e.g. sandwiches every Wednesday. Apart from under exceptional circumstances, any changes will only be able to happen with sufficient notice of a week. If you wish to change from your previous arrangements, could you please let Mrs Knight know by emailing: tracey.knight@bowlinggreenacademy.org.uk.

Snacks

We would like to continue to encourage your children to bring a fruit/vegetable snack into school as we find they are much hungrier than normal when they have been at home for longer periods. Please ensure that no sugary snacks are sent and that it is only pure fruit or vegetables.

Visitors

Unfortunately, we will still be unable to invite you into school other than by a pre-arranged appointment. Any communication should continue through the school office or through Seesaw.

Uniform

We are fully aware that some children may have grown out of their school uniform/shoes and that shops are currently not opening. Therefore, we would like you to try and stick to uniform where possible but fully understand where they may have to wear different footwear etc. However, brands should be avoided. We are currently in the process of changing our logo in time for September. There is absolutely no pressure to go out and buy new uniform as this will be very much a phased process whereby you would buy a 'new logo' jumper when it was time to replace your old one.

Out of School Club

'Kid's Club' has kept open throughout Lockdown for children of Key Workers. If you would like a place at Kid's Club when we return, do let us know. We will be reviewing our after-school clubs in the summer term.

Parents' Evening

As we have been calling all the children at home regularly, we would like to be able to offer a quick 'catch up' call to those parents whose children have been in school. Arrangements for these will be sent. We will organise a more formal 'Parents' Evening' throughout the summer term.

As always, do not hesitate to get in touch with any queries, concerns or questions and we will endeavour to help.

Stay safe,

Mrs Allison Deighton

(Acting Headteacher)