



Ryhill Junior, Infant & Nursery School

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Return to school – 8th March 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

The government has stated that all pupils should attend school from **Monday 8th March** as part of England's 'roadmap' out of lockdown. The government states that *'returning to school is vital for children's education and wellbeing. Time out of school is detrimental for children's cognitive and academic development. This impact can affect both current levels of education, and children's future ability to learn; therefore we need to ensure all pupils can return to school.'*

The overarching principle, which remains the same, is to reduce the number of contacts between children and staff whilst taking into account practical logistics of the full function of the school.

Much of the content in this guidance replicates what was in place for the autumn term. It is critical that the system of controls outlined below are followed and rules around face coverings and physical distancing are adhered to so that we can ensure the risk of transmission of infection is **substantially reduced**.

In welcoming all children back this spring, we will minimise the number of contacts that a pupil has during the school day as part of implementing a system of controls outlined below to reduce the risk of transmission.

Precautions we will be taking to limit the risk of the virus spreading include:

- a requirement that people who are ill stay at home
- robust hand and respiratory hygiene
- enhanced cleaning arrangements
- active engagement with NHS Test and Trace
- reduce contacts and maximise distancing between those in school wherever possible and minimise potential for contamination so far as is reasonably practicable
- grouping children together in their class 'bubble'



- avoiding unnecessary contact between class 'bubbles'
- staff maintaining distance from pupils and other staff as much as possible
- Staggering break times, and pick-up and drop-off times for different year groups
- Asking all adults who enter the school site to wear face covering as per Government guidance

Taking these points into consideration, the table below sets out our staggered start and finish times for when we return in spring.

| Year group | Start time | Finish time (Monday to Thursday) | Friday finish time |
|--------------------|---|--|--------------------|
| Year 6, 5 | 8.15 | 14.45 | 12.30 |
| Year 3, 4 | 8.30 | 15.00 | 12.45 |
| Year 2,1,Reception | 8.45 | 15.15 | 13.00 |
| Nursery | 8.30 (start of morning session) 12.15 (start of afternoon session) | 11.30 (end of morning session) 15.15 (end of afternoon session) | |

We will continue to operate a breakfast club between 8.00am and 9.00am, as we did in the autumn term, this will continue to be a **pre-booked arrangement**.

- When dropping your child(ren) off in a morning please respect the one-way system, line markings and queue systems that are in place. If you do have more than one child to drop off, after you have dropped a child off at one time, please ensure you are not needlessly waiting on the pavement and blocking others access – this is crucial if we are to reduce social contact between our children and their parents / carers.
- Only **one** parent / carer to enter school site for drop off and collection.
- Respect the line markings and maintain social distancing as much as possible, please wait on these to drop off and collect, do not congregate in groups.
- Move away promptly when you have collected your child, respect social distancing.
- Please keep your child(ren) close to hand and with you on the playground both before drop off and after pick up. Keep them away from other children and do not allow them to freely roam.

- Please wear a face covering on school grounds at the start and end of the day.

Further individual class details, requirements and logistics will follow in due course.

Thank you for your cooperation

Kind regards,

Mrs. Jones (Head teacher)

