

24 February 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

**Re: Return to School – 8 March 2021**

I hope you and your family are safe and well.

As you probably know, on Monday, 8th March all students will return to school. School attendance will be mandatory for all pupils and the usual rules on attendance will apply. It will be parents' legal duty to ensure attendance at school. Students that are clinically extremely vulnerable will be expected to shield and stay at home.

The usual safety measures and procedures will remain in place. The bubble system will continue to be in operation. We will continue to ensure that occupied spaces are well ventilated, children wash their hands regularly and that enhanced cleaning is in place. Staff will also be tested in school twice a week. Any adults entering the school site are required to wear face masks.

Staggered times for arrival and departure for those not on transport will continue to be in place, however, these have been adjusted slightly - please see details on the next page. In order to reduce the risk of infection and if at all possible, please bring your child to school instead of using the school bus.

In the event of an infection being reported, we will continue to follow PHE guidance in relation to closure of bubbles and positive cases will be advised to self-isolate for the next 10 days from point of contact.

I am delighted to be welcoming back all our students from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March and am looking forward to getting back to some type of 'normal'. Thank you to all parents who have supported with home schooling and understanding the pressures the school and staff have been under to keep Drumbeat open throughout the last 12 months.

I am of course aware that some of you will have concerns about fully re-opening. Please do not hesitate to speak to us about your concerns and we can hopefully give you the information to assure you that full safety precautions are in place so that we have a COVID safe environment for your child going forward.

Yours faithfully



Marie Neave  
Executive Headteacher

<b><u>Bubble 1</u></b> <b>Dolphins and Kangaroos</b>	Drop off	9.20- 9.30 am
	Pick up	2.30 -2.45 pm
<b><u>Bubble 2</u></b> <b>Tigers, Crocodiles, Seahorses, Giraffes, Leopards</b>	Drop off	8.50 – 9.00 am
	Pick Up	2.45– 2.55 pm
<b><u>Bubble 3</u></b> <b>Zebras, Lions, Pandas, Turtles, Penguins</b>	Drop off	9.00 – 9.10 am
	Pick Up	2.55 – 3.05 pm
<b><u>Bubble 4</u></b> <b>Merlin, Lancelot, Excalibur, Camelot, Flamingos</b>	Drop off	9.10–9.20 am
	Pick Up	3.05 – 3.15 pm