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Dear Parents / Carers

Last week, the school's Senior Leadership Team met to make plans for the wider re-opening on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021, following the government guidance. Therefore, I wanted to share our plans with you to help you all prepare for this. Arrangements are mostly the same as when we started back in September, so there isn't too much change for the children.

### Managing Risk

The Trust continuously review the risk assessment, with the Senior Leadership Team in South Hiendley then adapting this for our site. This has also been shared with all staff in school so that they are fully aware of risk controls. Parents will be able to review this on the school website. Enhanced cleaning routines will take place throughout term time, as before. Handwashing stations and routines are in place and will be continued. Children will be placed in 'bubbles', a term we are all very familiar with now, and there will be staggered start and finish times. The 'bubbles' are organised as follows:

Bubble	Start time and entrance door	Finish time and entrance door	Arrangements for eating lunch
Nursery and Reception	8.45am EY entrance as normal	11.45am morning Nursery 3.05pm afternoon Nursery and Reception EY entrance as normal	11.45 – 12.15: lunch in the classroom; lunch play time in the EY area
Years 1 and 2	8.45am Year 1 cloakroom door Year 2 main entrance door	3.05pm Year 1 cloakroom door Year 2 main entrance door	12.15 – 12.45: lunch in the classroom; lunch play time in the front playground
Years 3 and 4	8.55am Year 3 main entrance door Year 4 KS2 cloakroom	3.15pm Year 3 main entrance door Year 4 KS2 cloakroom	Y3 12.45 – 1.15: lunch in the classroom; lunch play time in the back playground zone 1 Y4 12.15 – 12.45: lunch in the classroom; lunch play time in the back playground zone 1
Years 5 and 6	9.05am Year 5 fire door (opposite pond area) Year 6 KS2 cloakroom	3.25pm Year 5 fire door (opposite pond area) Year 6 KS2 cloakroom	Y5 12.45 – 1.15: lunch in the classroom; lunch play time in the back playground zone 2 Y6 12.15 – 12.45: lunch in the classroom; lunch play time in the back playground zone 2

Where you have siblings in school, please use the **earliest** drop off and pick up time, as set out above, in order to avoid having to wait around on the playground.  
Lunches will continue to be a packed lunch brought from home, or grab bags ordered online.

### **Uniform Expectations**

Children should wear school uniform as normal. PE will be outside as much as possible; on PE days children should come to school in the specified PE kit with outdoor trainers. This is to remove the need for in school changing which can present additional risks with regards to transmission. Class PE days will be confirmed by your child's class teacher during the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Reducing Visitors in and out of School**

We must carefully control contacts within the school community. On re-opening, we will do that by:

- Not planning educational or residential visits until the situation has been reviewed.
- All parent meetings must be over the phone, not on site.
- Not undertaking swimming, or having visiting external coaches – to be reviewed regularly
- Not having visiting peripatetic music tuition – to be reviewed regularly.

Specialist staff working with children with Special Educational Needs, Disabilities or who are classified as a vulnerable child will continue to visit under carefully managed conditions.

### **What will the classrooms look like?**

We can return regularly used equipment and items into classrooms. Children will be provided with individual sets of daily equipment (pencils, rulers etc) that they can keep in school. Children can take home reading books; these should be returned into the box in the classroom on a Friday for reissue on Monday. We will have separate stocks of play equipment for the zones at playtime. Children will be taught within their phase bubbles by consistent staffing.

Children will need to bring their own named water bottle. They must not bring other equipment such as toys, play equipment etc. or school bags into school.

Children will be sitting side by side rather than facing each other, and teaching staff will do their best to keep an appropriate distance. Social distancing will be reinforced; parents should be aware that in schools this is not always possible to enforce and this is taken into account by the government.

### **Timings of the Day and Attendance**

Breakfast Club will start again from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

Please contact [SH-Enquiries@ipmat.co.uk](mailto:SH-Enquiries@ipmat.co.uk) as soon as possible, should you require a place for your child.

The government has indicated that **attendance is compulsory** from 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021, and that normal rules around absence and punctuality apply. We know that you, as parents / carers, take regular attendance seriously and understand its importance, and attendance percentages had really improved prior to the current Lockdown. We will work with any parents who are concerned or worried; please talk to us if you are concerned! We must also remind you that holidays will not be authorised in term time. All absences must be notified by a phone call to the office first thing each morning. School will conduct follow up actions such as Fast Track Attendance meetings, home visits to ascertain where children are, and penalty notices should these be necessary. The Trust Attendance Policy is available on the school website.

If you have any questions relating to these arrangements, please contact school and we will try to help. We thank you in advance for your continued support and understanding, and look forward to welcoming all the children back safely next week.

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