

Red Hall Primary School

Covid-19: Full Opening – Spring 2021

Letter to Parents

March School Re-Opening Update

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are relieved to announce that on the 8th March, we will welcome ALL pupils back to school. This has been a day which we have looked forward to, for many weeks! Parents, as we have said many times before, what you have done with your children and how you have supported them in their learning, has been excellent! We know this has not been easy.

Following the most recent guidance (which was extensive!) we are now in a position to plan carefully how to welcome back all our children. We aim to continue to offer the children the best we can, in regards to the curriculum and we need to do this by having some clear measures in place. **The safety of pupils and staff has been our primary concern in this planning process and will remain so throughout.**

In the meantime, here is some useful information that I can share with you now and will help you and your child prepare for March.

Start Date	<p>Children start back in school on Monday 8th March.</p> <p>ALL children are expected to return on this day unless they have been given a different starting date by the school.</p>
Attendance	<p>From March, the usual rules on school attendance will apply meaning ALL children should be attending school. Children or those with family members on the shielding list must also return to school.</p> <p>Please remember;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is your duty to ensure your child attends regularly. • It is your duty to inform the school with evidence as to why your child is not attending school. <p>Please note that all sanctions and fixed penalty notices in regards to attendance will apply again from 8th March 2021.</p> <p>DO NOT come into the school if you have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or have tested positive in the last 48 hours,</p> <p>Parents/carers must be willing to engage with the NHS Test and Trace process;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • book a test if they are displaying symptoms. All children can be tested, including children under 5, but children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their parents/carers if using a home testing kit • provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace • self-isolate for 10 days, if they have been in close contact with someone who develops coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)
Social Distancing	<p>Children’s bubbles will be class ‘bubbles’.</p> <p>**The only time children mix with the rest of their Key Stage (e.g. Year 3, with Year 4 children) is when they are on the yard at playtimes and lunchtimes, for a maximum of 15 minutes.</p>

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	Children in Primary Schools, particularly our youngest pupils, cannot be expected to Social Distance but we will be limiting the interactions between the different groups of pupils.
Uniform	Children will be expected to wear School Uniform every day. All children will come to school wearing their PE kit on Wednesdays, as this is now our whole school PE day, which forms part of our well-being Wednesday. Children will be encouraged to come to school in their PE kit on the days they have PE. Children DO NOT require face masks.
Clean Hands	Children DO NOT need to bring in their own hand sanitiser. As a school we have plenty of hand sanitiser in ALL classrooms as well as at stations around the school. Children will be told to wash their hands and sanitise regularly throughout the day.
Breakfast Club	Breakfast club will begin on Monday 8 th March 2021, for a limited number of pupils. You will receive a parent mail with further information and booking details, should you require breakfast club for your child(ren).
School Dinners	We will be serving school dinners as usual, although lunchtime will run very differently. All Reception / KS1 pupils are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal. Children in Key Stage 2 may bring their own healthy packed lunches.
Start Times / Collection Times	We will be encouraging a staggered approach to 'drop off' and 'pick up' times . This is in line with the DfE guidance to reduce congregating in groups on the yards. ONLY ONE ADULT should bring children to school and pick up. This is to reduce the number of people on site over this period-of-time. We understand that some of you may have other children that you will need to bring along with you. In KS2, parents MUST wait on the yard for their child(ren). <u>Please see the attached start/finish time information</u>
Medication	If your child requires medication, please bring to the main office to sign this in on their first day back. Any child with asthma will only be allowed to remain in school with a current inhaler.
Visitors / Parents / Carers in School	No visitors, parents / carers will be able to come into school without a prior appointment . This is in line with the DfE Guidance. If you need to speak to a member of staff, please call the main office and make an appointment. Thank you for your patience in this matter.

Finally, we hope we have done everything we can to support you and your children through this emotionally challenging time, we are very proud of ALL the staff at Red Hall who have given 100% to this during the most recent lockdown, to support you and the community.

We are VERY excited to welcome you all back in March and are now counting down those days. In the meantime, if you have any questions AT ALL, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Red Hall Staff