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Re: School Opening – Monday 8th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted that the Government have allowed all children to return to school from Monday 8th March.

We understand the impact that this lockdown has had on children but we are certain that you'll agree that this has been the best lockdown in terms of the support / lessons provided by school. We have been inundated with praise and support from families during this lockdown – thank you to everyone who has taken the time to thank staff for their continued dedication to our children in a way that exceeded the offer provided by many other schools. Each kind message has given the team another boost in morale.

We cannot wait to welcome every member of our school family back into the building. We will apply 'Trauma Informed Practice' to support children with any worries and anxiety they have. Providing each child with the care and social, emotional and mental health support they require, alongside an excellent curriculum is our priority.

The Big Thinking Question for this half term is 'What difficulties have people had to endure around the world? What changes did they hope for?' which links to inspirational people. The children at home and in school have really enjoyed the content of the newly designed curriculum (which can be viewed on the website) during their exciting Departure Day this week. We are excited to continue to deliver the same high-quality lessons and challenges across the whole curriculum when we return to school.

Staff are fully aware of the Health and Safety expectations of the return to school required to enable us to provide day to day education; the children will remain in their bubbles and follow the staggered start / drop off until the Government lifts these restrictions.

School Routines / events / visitors

These will continue to be limited until the Government announces that all normal school routines can resume. All aspects of school life take a long time to plan and organise so it is highly likely that 'normal' school activities will not return until the new academic year 2021.

The most important aspect of school if restrictions are lifted fully on 21st June 2021 will be to not lose any curriculum time to ensure that children are ready to progress to their next year group / stage of learning.

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Awarded for face to face delivery of mentoring and training in initial teacher training



Start and Finish times / locations:

Please refer to the times below as some may have been tweaked to ensure that the children are cover the hours required in the school

Sicklinghall Community Primary School	Drop off time and location	Collection time and location
Cherry Blossom (EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2)	8:50am – playground ramp.	3:30pm – playground ramp.
Silver Birch	8:45am – Main School Entrance by the office.	3:25pm – Main School Entrance by the office.
Willow (Year 5 and 6)	8:30am – playground ramp. Please stay separate from parents and children in other bubbles.	3:10pm – playground ramp. Please stay separate from parents and children in other bubbles.

For families who have siblings in more than one class, please drop off and collect **all children** in the family in **one of the designated time slots** – let Mrs McCarthy know which time slots you have chosen so this can be communicated with the class teacher. Children must enter school via their class' designated area and social distancing must be adhered to.

We ask that:

- Only one family member to drop off and collect children
- Wear a mask whilst on school premises
- Adults must maintain social distancing between themselves and other families at all times – please avoid walking onto the school grounds with another adult from another family.
- Do not gather in groups during these drop off and collection times.
- Communications with the office must be done by email or phone – no adults are permitted to enter school to speak to the administrator until further notice.
- Children in Year 5 and Year 6 are permitted to enter the school grounds on their own and go straight to their classroom via their allocated point if parents are happy for them to do so.

Lunches

Please ensure that your child's school lunch is ordered ahead of the school day via SchoolGrid. Reminder that we are a nut-free school and any food and snacks should not contain any type of nut.

The children will continue to eat in the hall in separate bubbles until further notice. Once we return to full school, lunches will be over two sittings so that all children irrespective of school lunch or packed lunch can enjoy the hall space (rather than some children eating in classroom) in a quieter and calmer environment. This has been a real positive aspect of the current restrictions.

All children are required to **bring a full water bottle to school each day** and take it home at the end of the day. These will be wiped / sprayed with antibacterial solution once in school.

Medicine/Inhalers

Please check the expiry date of any medicine or inhalers being returned into school and ensure that the paperwork is fully completed before 8th March. Please email admins cps@gsfederation.com if you require a copy of the medical forms to complete.

Equipment

Items brought from home must be kept to a minimum. Children have access to school resources so a small bag is best. Please ensure that all items are labelled as no lost property will be available until further notice.

P.E.

Please continue to bring a small P.E bag to school on a Monday. This must be taken home on Friday to be washed. Please ensure that children have warm outdoor kit (plain joggers and a plain jumper rather than those with branding or logos - ideally navy or black) and outdoor trainers. P.E hoodies are available from the school uniform shop (these are not for indoor school use but rather to provide an additional layer of warmth during outdoor lessons).

Reading books and planners:

Please ensure that planners are checked and reading is logged. Reading books will be sent home during the week. Please ensure that planners and reading books are in the children's bag every day. Further specific information about this will follow from the Class Teacher.

Wraparound Care

This is a vital service offered by school and high numbers are essential in order to cover staffing costs. We understand that many parents are currently working from home, however, if you are able to utilise the service at all in the week to support the income required to run this service, this would be hugely beneficial in ensuring that Wrap Around Care is something we can continue to provide moving forward.

If you would like to access Wraparound Care slots before and after school from 7:30am – 6pm please book by using the contact details: wraparoundcarescps@gsfederation.com

This service will operate in line with the guidance and children from different 'bubbles' will be separated where possible.

We look forward to seeing you when we return.

Once again, thank you for your patience and support in recent months.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Zoe Pickard
Headteacher