



Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the support you have given the school during this difficult time. The recent partial school closure has challenged us all and the staff appreciate all that you have done to support your child's learning during this time. Following the Government announcement last week and their subsequent guidance for schools, I am pleased to be able to confirm that we are looking forward to welcoming all children back from **Monday 8th March**.

I understand that many parents and carers may feel anxious about their child returning to school following this period of partial closure. Below you will find more information about how the school day will be organised and the changes that we need to make in order to operate within the government guidance.

It is important for you to note that from Monday 8th March, we will continue to request that all adults wear face coverings when coming onto the site (unless they are exempt). This includes when children are being dropped off and picked up. We also need you to support us in ensuring that groups of parents and carers do not congregate together either on school grounds or at the gates. Our staff who are on duty at these key times will be reinforcing these messages.

#### **Who can now attend school and from when?**

- 🌐 All children who are on the school roll are able to attend the school from Monday 8th March 2021.
- 🌐 Children cannot attend if they, or a family member they live with, have symptoms of Covid-19 or where a positive test has been confirmed. You should follow the advice for self-isolation and only send your child back to school at the end of this period. You must inform the school via email [covid19@raynvilleacademy.org.uk](mailto:covid19@raynvilleacademy.org.uk) if this is the case. It is essential that you inform us of any positive confirmation of Covid-19.
- 🌐 If you are concerned about your child's health and the implications for their return, then please discuss this with both the school and your child's healthcare professionals. Only children who are on the shielded patient list (confirmed by NHS letter) should remain at home.

#### **Class Organisation**

- 🌐 Children will work in class 'bubbles'. They will spend most of the time working solely with this group. The only exception to this will be when they are part of wider year group bubbles for the purposes of specialised teaching and intervention.
- 🌐 A number of hygiene controls are in place across the school to ensure the safety of children. These controls include measures. Social distancing is not enforced in the same way as it is in wider public circulation, but a sense of distancing and awareness of personal space will be promoted wherever possible.
- 🌐 At social times, children will be able to play together and will be taught about the importance of limiting physical contact. Children will have breaks throughout the day and the outdoors will be used as much as possible.
- 🌐 Windows will be open at all times to allow fresh air to circulate – on colder days, children can wear vests, extra jumpers...

#### **Cleaning/Health and Safety**

- 🌐 Our cleaning schedule continues to ensure more regular and deeper cleaning as well as some cleaning throughout the school day.
- 🌐 Children will wash their hands as they enter school in the morning and from break times. As always, they will be required to wash their hands after visiting the toilet and before eating their lunch.
- 🌐 Staff will continue to be offered access to the twice weekly lateral flow testing programme.

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## Lunchtime

- Our school meals service will be available from Monday. This will be a continuation of the hot menu offer which the children will be able to select each morning with their class teacher.
- Free school meals will also be available and will be provided to all children who qualify for these. This includes universal free school meals for children in Reception - Year 2. If you feel that you now qualify for a free school meal, please contact the school who will inform you of the application process.
- If you do not wish for your child to have a school meal, they will need to be provided with a packed lunch.

## What will your child need to bring/wear?

- Children will need to be in our full school uniform.
- A PE kit will be required to be worn when your child is scheduled to have a PE lesson. They can come to school dressed in this.
- Please provide your child with a bottle that they can use for water throughout the day. This will need to be taken home and brought back each day.
- As usual, a coat and (where necessary) sunhat/cap should be brought to school. On particularly sunny days, please apply sun cream to your child's skin before they come to school.
- Reading books should continue to be brought to school every day.

## Attendance

- The Government has confirmed that attendance at school is statutory and parents/carers have a legal duty to ensure that their child attends. We will follow our normal protocol for following up on non-attendance.
- If you wish to discuss attendance with the school, please contact us so that we can work together to meet this requirement.

## The start/end of the day

In order to reduce the number of people at the school gates we will return to our staggered start and finish times and these remain the same as before Christmas. If you have siblings, they must all be dropped off and picked up for the 8:45-3:00 times. Please do not arrive more than 5 minutes early – this helps us to maintain social distancing in the school grounds. (see table below for a reminder of the drop off and pick-up times)

The reopening of schools is an important start in the Government's route map to the lifting of wider restrictions. It is important that we all recognise that we are still in a pandemic and we must therefore adhere to the guidelines and work together to ensure a safe and confident return. We are really looking forward to a full return of all children to Raynville Academy and being back together.

Kind regards,

Andrew Midgley  
Principal



Drop-off and pick-up times –

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>Finish Time</b>
Nursery	Classroom	8:45	3:30
Reception	Classroom	8:45	3:00
Year 1	Classrooms	9:00	3:15
Year 2	2R – KS1 Playground 2S – KS1 Entrance	8:45	3:00
Year 3	Meeting on KS2 Yard	9:00	3:15
Year 4	Meeting on KS2 Yard	8:45	3:00
Year 5	Meeting on KS2 Yard	9:00	3:15
Year 6	Meeting on KS2 Yard	8:45	3:00

Any questions – please contact the school office.