

Dear Parents/Carers,

Finally, we can return to school! This is brilliant news, but there is still a long way to go with COVID. When we thought we would be in school in January, we had taken extra measures then to make sure we were doing everything we could to reduce the spread of COVID. We made the bubbles in school smaller, staggered lunchtimes and also had staggered times to the start of the school day and at the end of the school day.

We are open to all pupils on the 8th March but have made some amendments to our Risk Assessments in order to keep everyone safe. These are listed below. It is very important that you follow our staggered times in the morning and after school as this is to keep everyone safe.

We have adjusted our Risk Assessments by:

- Staggering timings to the start and end of the school day
- Making the bubbles in school smaller
- Staggering lunchtimes for our children (but they can still have a hot meal)
- Keeping all contact in school amongst staff and children to the minimum

TIMES TO DROP OFF AND COLLECT YOUR CHILD(REN):

Year Group	Entrance Point	Drop Off Time	Collection Time
Reception	Play and Learn Entrance	08:50	14:15
Year 1	Pedestrian Gate	09:30	14:50
Year 2	Vehicle Gate	09:10	14:35
Year 3	Pedestrian Gate	08:50	14:15
Year 4	Pedestrian Gate	09:10	14:35
Year 5	Vehicle Gate	08:50	14:15
Year 6	Vehicle Gate	09:30	14:50

The changes to the children's lunch times as follows:

Reception and Y1 – 11.30 to 12.15

Y2 and Y3 – 12:00 – 12:45

Y4 and Y5 – 12.30 to 1.15

Y6 - 12.45 – to 1.30

IT IS VITAL THAT YOU KEEP TO THESE TIMES. IF PARENTS DO NOT KEEP TO THESE TIMES, THEN WE MAY HAVE TO STAGGER WITH LONGER TIMES IN BETWEEN EACH INTAKE.

We appreciate that many of you will have children in different year groups and that it would be unfair of us to expect you to wait around for up to 40 minutes. We will work through this, this coming week, to come up with some solutions. However, in the first instance we need you to adhere to these times for each year group to keep everyone safe. For parents/carers dropping off several children we will look at arranging a time when you can do one drop off/collection but this will not be in place immediately. We would ask that you drop off and collect promptly whilst adhering to social distancing measures.

IF YOU ARRIVE AT SCHOOL OUTSIDE OF YOUR ALLOTTED TIME, YOU WILL NEED TO REMAIN AWAY FROM THE SCHOOL GROUNDS AND WAIT UNTIL YOUR DROP OFF/COLLECTION TIME.

We will be staggering our lunchtimes so that only one year group will be in one hall at any one time (these times are listed above). This will also happen with playtimes.

Any parent/family that needs support or advice, as always, we will be here for this but it will have to be via phone call to the school office.

We are hoping that this will be a short term plan and that we can revert to our original drop off and collection as soon as possible. We appreciate and need your support with these staggered starts to ensure that we can keep the entirety of our school community safe.

Finally, we have some exciting things planned for the remainder of the spring term and you can find the key dates for your diaries here –

Tuesday 9th March –

- Our Easter hamper raffle tickets will be on sale from your child's class. The winners will be drawn on **Wednesday 31st March.**
- Children can begin to bring their Easter bonnets into school. The closing date will be **Friday 26th March** and winners will be decided on **Tuesday 30th March.**

Monday 15th March –

- World Book Day book swap. Details will be shared on Class Dojo.

Friday 19th March –

- World Book Day in school. Children may come to school dressed as a character from a book.

Date TBC –

- The Easter bunny will be visiting school. The cost and dates will be confirmed once we are settled back into our school routine.

As always, thank you all for your support.

Yours faithfully

Middleton Primary School.