



Monday 1st March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Update for 8th March Reopening

We hope this letter finds you well. As you are aware, the government is expecting all schools to reopen fully from Monday 8th March. We have reviewed our current risk assessment and read the latest government guidance and can tell you that there is very little change to how we were operating in the Autumn term.

We have outlined the provision and plans from 8th March in the letter below:

School Organisation

- Attendance at school is now compulsory – all children are expected to attend unless there is a medical reason for them not to (this will have been directed by a medical professional. If you are in receipt of a shielding letter for your child and do not wish for them to attend school a copy of this letter must be provided as soon as possible).
- The school day will return to normal with the exception of Fridays. Due to staffing and ensuring adequate supervision is in place for each bubble throughout the week, the school will continue to close at 13:30pm on Fridays until further notice.
- Staff at Riverside Bridge School are receiving twice weekly lateral flow testing
- Bubbles remain in place and are set up so that in the case of infection, the school can manage a track and trace isolation programme to minimise class closures. These bubbles operate throughout the day during social and lunch times.
- Compulsory face masks for all school staff throughout the day, students where possible are encouraged to wear masks

Transport/Parent Drop Off

- Transport have been notified to resume normal services from 8th March.
- Parents dropping off children will need to use the designated drop off zones outside the school or find alternative parking. Only those with disabled badges and where there are disabled spaces available will be permitted on site. Where there are no spaces we will be unable to allow entry.
- All students will be attending school from 9:15 – 15:15pm unless pre-arranged and agreed in writing by Ms Cerri, Headteacher.

Lunch Provision

- As of the 8th March, campus kitchen staff will be on site and school dinners will be provided
- Free School Meal Vouchers will cease for those returning to school, students will be able to order a school meal



Compulsory Testing for Secondary Age Pupils

- When school reopens, in line with government guidance, we will request that parents with children born before August 2009 take part in testing. A separate letter will be send directly to parents/carers affected.

Electronic Devices

- All electronic devices allocated to support home learning must be returned in the condition there were provided between Monday 8th March and Friday 12th March. If there is any damage to equipment or property you must notify the school in writing how the damage has occurred.

Remote Learning

- If a class is closed due to a positive COVID case, remote learning will be provided via Google Classroom as it has been during the last lockdown.
- Parents are requested to provide evidence of home learning by submitting photos and videos through Google Classroom
- Face-to-face sessions will be provided where possible
- If a child is self-isolating for 10 days due to contact with a positive case of COVID but their class is not closed then they are expected to follow the home learning plans which are available on Google Classroom.
- If a child is shielding then they are expected to follow the learning provided on Google Classrooms as above.

If someone develops symptoms of Covid-19 whilst at school and out of school

- If anyone develops coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms in an education setting they must be sent home and advised to follow the staying at home guidance.
- Parents must arrange for their child to have a test if they develop symptoms
- Test results must be shared with school via email as soon as possible to ensure the correct action is taken If necessary
- If the test is negative, the child can return to school once the test results have been received by the school.
- If the test is positive, all members of the bubble group, and anyone who has been in unprotected direct close contact must stay at home for 10 days and follow government advice on self-isolation.
- The school will inform the local public health board of any positive cases and will follow the national track and trace guidelines and advice. This may mean the closure of more than one group if deemed necessary by public health
- A child must isolate if anyone in their household develops symptoms and follow the guidance on isolation periods as per Covid-19 guidance.

If you have any concerns or questions about any of the above information please contact that school.

We look forward to seeing all our students on Monday 8th March.

Kind regards,

Ms K Cerri