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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following, the government has announced that schools will reopen to all pupils on **8 March**, we're very much looking forward to welcoming back more of our children to face-to-face education then.

#### Attendance

From 8 March, school attendance will be mandatory and our usual rules on attendance will apply.

As a reminder, your child should self-isolate and not come to school if they:

- Have coronavirus symptoms or have tested positive
- Live with someone who has symptoms or have tested positive
- Are a close contact of someone who has tested positive.

In line with the latest government guidance, pupils who are **clinically extremely vulnerable should not attend school**. If your child is in this group, they should continue to learn from home until further notice.

For children who are self-isolating or shielding, we'll continue to provide remote learning that is closely aligned with what is being taught in the classroom. (see the Remote Learning 2020-2021 document)

#### Our safety measures

Rest assured that we're doing everything we can to make sure our children can return to school safely.

We'll be taking the following protective measures to keep everyone safe:

#### Contacts

Most children will remain in their class groups, except for classes 2 and 3 who will be considered as one 'bubble'. These classes will share breaktimes and come together on a Friday. There will be no times in the day when we come together in larger groups such as collective worship or for lunch. Both lunch and collective worship will take place in classrooms. Break times are staggered so that children will only be playing with children in their class or bubble.

Wraparound care will group children in a similar way to their classroom bubbles, although there will be children from other bubbles attending.



## What to bring to school?

To minimise risk, children should only bring the following:

- a full water bottle (to be taken home each day, cleaned and filled)
- if required, packed lunch (ensuring all packaging can be opened by your child)
- Reading book and reading record
- Fruit or vegetable for a snack at break (this is provided for children in nursery, reception and years 1 and 2)
- Waterproof coat
- Sun hat/cap

*Work produced for remote learning should not be returned to school.*

If sun protection is necessary, please apply liberally before school.

It is preferred that children do not bring large bags into school as storage is limited.

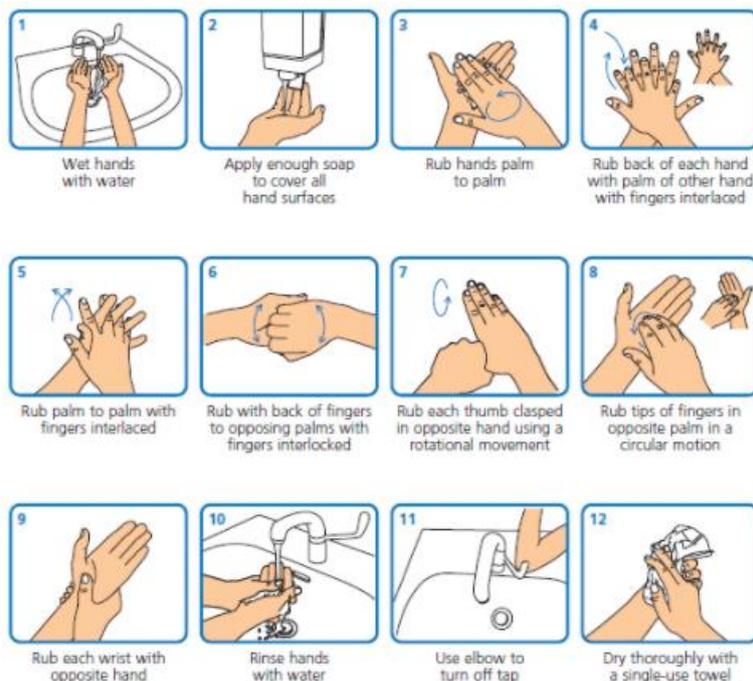
## Storage

Children in class 1, 2 and 3 will keep their belongings in lockers.

Children in classes 4 and 5 will keep their belongings in their classroom: coats over the backs of chairs.

## Increased hygiene

Handwashing will take place on arrival, after breaks, and before eating and after eating for all children and staff. It would be helpful if you continue to practice good hand hygiene with your children at home too.



## Classrooms

It is recognised that younger children will not be able to maintain social distancing, and it is acceptable for them not to distance within their group. In classrooms when children are sitting, they will be seated side by side and facing forwards and will always sit in the same place.

## School meals

Schools meals are available either the daily menu or a jacket potato or a sandwich.

These are charged at £2.60 for children in year 3 and above. Meals for nursery children will be charged at £1.80.

Children are alternatively able to bring their own packed lunch. Parents are requested to ensure that their child can open all packaging in their lunch as staff are unable to help children due to safety measures. Some food may need repackaging before adding it to their lunchboxes.



- Pupils and parents are advised to bring packed lunches in insulated bags and may use freezer blocks, for health and safety reasons. (There is no fridge space in school.)
- School advises that chocolate, crisps or confectionery items should be kept to a minimum if included at all.
- School advises that the packed lunch should contain a starch-based carbohydrate – this provides the pupils with energy and is in line with the BFN (British Nutrition Foundation) recommendations.
- The packed lunch may also contain two pieces of fruit or vegetable.
- Pupils can bring only water.
- Any food left in lunchboxes will be sent home.
- There should be no swapping of food between pupils for health and safety reasons.
- Pupils should not bring in seeds or nuts due to food allergies.

#### **Uniform**

Uniform is to be worn. On days when your child is timetabled to do P.E. they may wear their PE kit all day.

#### **P.E.**

P.E. will take place on the following days:

Class 1 Thursday

Class 2 Wednesday and Friday

Class 3 Monday and Friday

Class 4 Tuesday and Friday

Class 5 Tuesday and Friday

#### **Wraparound Care**

You should only be accessing this provision for your children, where:

- the use of the provision is reasonably necessary to support you to work, seek work, undertake education or training, attend a medical appointment or address a medical need or attend a support group

Both clubs will operate in the dining room which can be found at the end of Class 1's outside area. Please do not touch anything as you pass through as it is kept clean for use by their class.

<p>Breakfast Club Opening time: 7.30 a.m. till school begins Monday to Friday Available to: all children attending school Cost: £5 per session</p>	<p>3.15 Club Opening times: end of the school day till 5.14 p.m. Monday to Thursday Available to: children 4 years and above Cost: £6 per session</p> <p>If children would like a snack, they should bring their own with them.</p>
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Places are booked by contacting Mrs Colley on [club@sharow.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:club@sharow.n-yorks.sch.uk)



### The school day

We will continue to have a staggered timetable to enable groups to be kept apart. This includes the beginning and end of the day.

To reduce the amount of people entering and leaving the school site at the same time, children will have specified drop-off and pick-up times. We believe we can organise these times with great efficiency but we will be relying heavily on your help. **Please make sure you are only on site during the allotted window.** You should maintain distancing and all times and leave the site swiftly. We will continue to monitor the start and end of the day to ensure that our procedures are working and will make changes if needed.

	Where
Class 1	Class 1 door
Class 2	Gate into Class 1 outside area
Class 3	External hall door (old large one on the left as you enter the school site)
Class 4	Staff car park
Class 5	Class 5 door onto the playground

A one-way system is in place where by entry at the start of the day is through the small metal gate and entry at the end of the day is through the staff car park.

Drop off and pick up windows	Drop off	Pick up
If the eldest's child's surname falls in the alphabet A-M inclusively	8.45-8.50	3.15-3.20
If the eldest's child's surname falls in the alphabet N-Z inclusively	8.50-8.55	3.20-3.25

**If you are delayed and miss the allotted time, please telephone the school office to make alternative arrangements.**

**Please do not enter the school site if you are displaying any coronavirus symptoms.**

- Please ensure that you maintain social distancing from others when dropping off and collecting your child from our school.
- Please follow any guidance issued by us to help with this e.g. only one adult per family should enter school grounds to drop off or collect.
- For those travelling by car we ask that you wait in your car until your specific drop off time. This will reduce the amount of people assembling in and around the school grounds and will help with social distancing.
- We recommend that all parents/carers entering the school premises (and in other congested areas around school premises) wear a face covering in addition to social distancing. This an extra safeguard to reduce the transmission of the virus. Please note that this does not apply to those who are medically exempt. You must keep at least two metres apart from other parents/carers at all times.

### Measures in place

We continue to update the measures we are taking in school to keep everyone safe. Guidance is implemented into our procedures and risk assessments actioned. The federation risk assessment for a wider opening on 8<sup>th</sup> March is available on the website. This will continue to be reviewed as changes occur.

### If you or your child displays symptoms

Parents and carers must understand that they will need to be ready and willing to:

- [book a test](#) if they or their child are displaying symptoms. **Pupils must not come into the school if they have symptoms, and will be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school.** 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 or their child 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](#) if they have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), or if anyone in their household develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)



Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can and should get a test. Tests can be booked online through the NHS [testing and tracing for coronavirus website](#), or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet. Essential workers, which includes anyone involved in education or childcare, have priority access to testing.

### **Travelling to and from school**

As the weather improves would encourage you to walk or cycle to school where possible. Bikes can be stored near the school entrance.

### **Government guidance for parents and carers**

Updated guidance on [what parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges](#) and [parents and carers of children attending out-of-school settings during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#).

### **Preparing children for returning to school**

Continue to talk openly with your child about how they are feeling; remember we are here to support you, so please contact your child's teacher or myself if you need any help or have any questions.

Share parts of this information with your child so that they have some understanding of what school will be like when they return.

Lockdown has been a challenging period for all of us, and we'd like to thank you for your continuing support during this difficult and uncertain time. If you or your child have any concerns about returning to school, or if you think your child might need extra support when they return, please get in touch.

We'd also like to thank you for all your support in helping your child learn from home. We'll continue to keep in touch if we update our plans or if we need to make changes due to new government guidance.

Warm regards,

Jacqui Palmer  
Executive Headteacher

