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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am absolutely delighted that we are able to welcome every child back in to our school building on Monday 8th March. It has been a long time since we have all physically been together within the same building and it will be so wonderful to see the children learning and playing together once again. Whilst everyone has performed miracles with their remote education, nothing can replace the buzz of children in school together.

Planning for 8th March Reopening For All Pupils

We will be following the same guidelines as before, with each class operating as its own bubble and wider phase bubbles for outside playtimes. We have altered the way we organise drop off and collecting times in order to avoid parents having to wait around to collect siblings from different bubbles. Please can we remind people to stick strictly to the one way system in and out of the playground and not to wait around the outside the school entrances and respect social distancing measures at all times.

Class	Start	End	Friday finish
Reception – Mrs Stephens	8:50	3:15	1:00
Year 1 – Mr Clement	8:50	3:15	1:00
Year 2 – Miss Foy	8:50	3:15	1:00
Year 3 – Mrs Ballinger	8:40	3:10	12:55
Year 4 – Mr Treacy	8:40	3:10	12:55
Year 5 – Mrs Hulls/Mrs Booton	8:40	3:10	12:55
Year 6 – Miss Tolladay	8:40	3:10	12:55

As with all schools nationally, the reopening up of all schools national could lead to an increase in incidents of pupils or staff becoming unwell or needing to self-isolate, so we all need to continue strictly adhering to the school's risk assessment procedures. We may sometimes need to move year group bubbles to online learning and this is something we really want to avoid. In order keep everyone in our school community safe and well, if in any doubt, we strongly urge you to keep any child away from school if they are unwell, even if you consider it probably not Covid-19 related.

Rushwick School Covid19 Risk Assessment Update

The latest update of the full risk assessment can be viewed on the school website. We can confirm that the following will remain in operation for the rest of the Spring Term and in to the Summer Term:

- All the children kept within their own year group bubble throughout the day, with our lunchtime supervisors assisting staff with extra cleaning and supporting the younger pupils with lunches.

- Every year group to continue to be provided with a broad and balanced curriculum, prioritising English, Mathematics, key subject skills and wellbeing.
- All school staff to carryout lateral flow tests twice a week and to wear masks in areas where social distancing measures are not possible.
- Staggered start and finishing times to the school day, with remote learning in place if and when a bubble needs to closed.
- Parents / carers and visitors to wear a face covering everywhere on the school grounds or building, and always observing social distancing (**two meters please**).
- On Friday afternoons, the school day for pupils at Rushwick School will finish after the children have eaten their lunch and had a midday play time, with the above staggered finishing times.
- Lunchtimes will continue to be half hour long, supported by teaching staff led enrichment play opportunities aimed at allowing socialised play activities.
- Child care available on Friday afternoons for those with an acute need.
- Flexible wrap around care, via 'Little Stars', remains in place for families that need to access it, from 7.30am to 6pm Monday to Friday, with children kept in Key Stages.
- Friday afternoons from 1pm will continue to be used for PPA for all class teachers.
- All available teaching assistant hours used to support the children in their bubbles and to ensure the pupil-adult ratios are as small as possible.
- Targeted support to address individual needs of identified vulnerable pupils.
- On timetabled PE days, pupils are asked to come into school in their PE kits, with blue fleeces / jumpers and tracksuit bottoms encouraged for colder weather.
- Pupils and staff will continue to work in their bubbles, in keeping with the DfE guidance on social distancing in schools.
- Provision remains in place to enable parents / carers with children in more than one year group to drop off and collect will use the stagger times of the oldest child. Please use this as we need to avoid adults and children congregating on the playground.
- We ask that children are not allowed to return to the building once they are handed over to their parents /carers.
- Please keep to the times allocated and observe the one adult at drop off / pick up.
- Please keep younger children **closely** supervised at all times and minimise the time waiting in the playground as much as possible. Scooters and bikes should not be ridden on the playground.

If your child develops any symptoms of COVID-19 at any time, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via: <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119. All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days, applying the following household measures:

- The 10-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.
- Household members should not go to work, school, nursery or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.
- Household members staying at home for 10 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.
- If your child has symptoms, try and keep them as far away from other members of your household as possible. It is especially important that they stay away from anyone who is clinically vulnerable or clinically extremely vulnerable with whom you share a household.

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- and/or
 - a new continuous cough
 - high temperature
 - a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

Spring Term Parents' Consultations

We will be inviting you to a parents' evening before the Easter break and further information will be coming out about this once all the children have returned to school. Unlike any other time, this will be more of a joint meeting – you are in many ways more informed on your child's daily education than you ever have been before.

The ten minute consultations will be an opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher *virtually* (or via telephone if you prefer) and help us work together in providing the very best for the children educationally and emotionally. I want to reassure you that the parents' evening meetings are not for us to check up on how you have supported your child at home, but are to give you the opportunity to ask any questions or raise any concerns about your child returning to school.

The staff would like to thank you all for your ongoing support. We are all really looking forward to seeing all the children back in school on Monday 8th March.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Geoff Jeffrey', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

Geoff Jeffrey (Headteacher)