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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to thank the whole community for supporting the school staff in keeping the children safe and able to learn as much as possible during the past twelve months. Apologies for sending out a second letter in one week, but there is a lot of information that needs sharing as we look forward to welcoming back all the children this Monday.

The full return to school from the 8th March

The staggered start and adaptations to the timetable, shared in Monday's letter, are in place in order to make sure the school is as safe and sustainable as possible within the constraints of our Covid19 risk assessment. They will be reviewed at the start of the summer term and I am hopeful that the school timetabling will be closer to normal by the half term. The next few weeks will dictate the direction of travel regarding the road map to recovery and we all need to play our part by making a need for whole scale remote learning a thing of the past.

From next week the children and teaching staff will continue to be operating largely within their year group bubbles and adults will continue to maintain 2m social distancing wherever possible. Children will continue to play outside in their class or phase group bubbles in separate social areas/ zones.

Our staffroom will not be used for staff to congregate and our school office is out of bounds to all but a few members of our team. We ask parents not to gather together in the playground or outside either the school entrance or exit.

We will not allow visitors or parents into the school building without prior appointment, however, school staff are still available to talk to parents either over the phone, email or online meetings such as Teams or Zoom. We are very accessible and want to continue to have very positive relationships and communication with families.

Our school office will not be available for non-essential 'drop ins'; parents and families can communicate with our staff team through emails, phone calls and online meetings.

We know that some parents may be anxious about the school's reopening and we are here to talk and support you if you have any concerns. The following are answers to some of the questions we have been asked across this week:

What happens if a child gets ill in my child's class / bubble?

- No child or adult showing signs of infection are allowed on the premises.
- Staff and pupils are required to have immediate tests if they show symptoms. If a child is sent home with symptoms, we expect parents arrange a test for the child. We will request evidence of a negative test result (i.e. the text message from the NHS) before the child is allowed back to school.
- Digital Thermometers will be used if any child or adult displays symptoms and their temperature will be recorded.
- Any child who displays any symptoms of Covid must be collected immediately and we expect parents and families to make provision if they are not based in the local area during the school day. When the child is awaiting collection, they will be moved to a room where they can be isolated (in the school library).
- The adult supervising the child will wear PPE when dealing with a suspected case; this includes a face mask, face shield/ visor, apron and gloves.
- Parents who will use the wrap around provision (Little Stars) for childcare must understand that if any child tests positive for Covid, then both their class bubble AND their breakfast club/ after school group will be closed down and all children in those groups would be required to self-isolate.
- All staff are using lateral flow Covid tests twice per week so we can be as confident as possible that we can identify any asymptomatic cases in the staff team.

What if my child, or one of our family members, becomes ill?

- If any child in school tests positive for Covid, every child and member of staff in their bubble will be required to self-isolate in line with the NHS Guidance.
- If a member of a child's household tests positive for Covid or shows symptoms, the child and the household members must self-isolate too.

What if I live with an extremely clinically vulnerable household member? What if my child is still shielding?

- The government guidance states that all children will be expected to attend school from 8th March unless they are extremely clinically vulnerable and we have the NHS letter as proof of shielding.

Spring Term Parent/Carer Consultations

This term's consultations will begin from Wednesday 17th March spread over a three week period, giving us at least a week to settle everyone back into the routine of school. The Consultations during the three week window will be strictly limited to one per child.

This is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher virtually or via telephone if you prefer. We want to reassure you that these parents' meetings are not for us to check up on how you have supported your child at home during lockdown, but are to give you the opportunity to ask any questions or raise any concerns about your child returning to a full school within the backdrop of all that has happened. 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.

To organise a consultation you will need to contact your child's class teacher via their online learning platform (Microsoft teams or Class Dojo). You need to tell them which date and time you would prefer (See table below for allotted days) and whether you would like a virtual conference or a telephone conversation. **Appointments will be 10 minutes in length and allocated on a first come, first served basis.**

Year Group	Dates	Time Slot
Year 5 – Mrs Hulls/Mrs Booton Year 6 – Miss Tolladay	Wednesday 17 th & Thursday 18 th March	3:30pm – 6pm
Year 1 – Mr Clement Year 2 – Miss Foy	Monday 22 nd & Tuesday 23 rd March	3:30pm – 6pm
Year 3 – Mrs Ballinger Year 4 – Mr Treacy	Wednesday 24 th & Thursday 25 th March	3:30pm – 6pm
Reception – Mrs Stephens	Monday 29 th & Tuesday 28 th March	3:30pm – 6pm

Remote Learning Parent Survey

The link below will take parents /carers to a brief questionnaire to collate views on your experiences of remote learning at Rushwick School during the present lockdown period. There is a strong possibility of a need to operate remote learning, especially in the case of bubble closures, so your feedback will help us make this provision stronger. This questionnaire is anonymous but if you would like to make yourself known, please leave your name in the final comments box:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=TfT2pYnEmUuDGpxoQf4wLV5uSF1XUtpEoMN15x8G_2IUNzZIR0tUjhBN05IWlYzWjQ4RjZUUE5Uy4u

Wrap Around Care

Little Stars will be run as before Christmas but we ask parents / carers to follow the signage for drop off and collection (directing you to the fire door at the end of the staff car park to the right of the Reception entrance). Please do not drive into the car park and remember to wear a mask and socially distance. We also ask all parents / cares to make note of the following DfE guidelines:

'From 8th March, schools should work to resume all your before and after-school educational activities and wraparound childcare for your pupils, where this provision is necessary to support parents to work, attend education and access medical care, and is as part of pupil's wider education and training. Vulnerable children can attend these settings regardless of circumstance. Schools are expected to advise parents that where they are accessing this provision for their children, that they must only be using this, where the use of the provision is reasonably necessary to support them to work, seek work, undertake education or training, attend a medical appointment or address a medical need or attend a support group.'

Teacher Training Day Date Change

In order to optimise the teaching time available for the rest of the school year, the planned teacher training day for Monday 7th June has been moved to Wednesday 21st July. This

means the summer second half term for the children will begin on **Monday 7th June** and the school year will end on **Tuesday 20th July**. The school year for 2021/22 will begin on **Monday 6th September**.

Stay safe and well – All the teaching staff look forward to seeing you in the playground from Monday 8th March.

Yours sincerely,

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

Geoff Jeffrey, Headteacher