



ENGAINES PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Dear Parents/Carers

Following the Government's announcement, we will be returning to school on Monday 8th March 2021. We will follow the same procedures that were set up for the Autumn term. The classes will stay in their class bubbles with the same adults everyday. Start times, lunch and break times will be staggered to reduce the amount of staff/parents and children at any one time in an area. Whole school gatherings will not take place and PE will continue to be outside until the government relax their guidelines. Start and departure times will be slightly different to enable a full teaching day from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm to be delivered, ensuring every minute is given to recovering the time lost during the national lockdown. Your new times will be emailed to you shortly with a reminder of your entrance and exit door and your PE days.

It will be mandatory for all children to attend school. If your child is ill, you must report it to the office by 9.00 am the same day, as normal. If your child or any member of your household is showing symptoms of COVID19, you must follow the government advice by telephoning 119 to book a test. You must self-isolate while awaiting the results and continue for 10 days, if the test is positive. You will need to inform the school so we can administer the correct attendance code.

The children will return on Monday wearing school uniform. We will let you know the days your children have PE so the children can come into school wearing their kit. The children only need to bring in their pack lunches and reading books as we continue to minimise the amount of objects we bring into school from home. The kitchen will be open so hot dinners will be available as normal but the children will continue to eat their lunches in their own classes until further notice.

We will continue to follow government guidance regarding the day to day running of school. We are hoping as the roadmap unfolds, that we will be able to relax staggered timings, whole school gatherings and open up after school clubs etc. We are really proud that we have stayed open all the way through the pandemic without having to close a bubble as we follow our robust risk assessment. We are all playing a part, keeping a safe distance at arrival and departure times, telephoning or waiting at the gate for queries and keeping your children at home if they are showing symptoms and this has allowed us to remain open for everyone.

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The first three weeks back we will be concentrating on settling the children back into school life, assessing where they are in their learning and supporting their emotional wellbeing. We are well aware everyone will be experiencing anxieties and we have planned time into the school day to address any issues that arise. Each phase will be completing a mini topic through fun engaging activities to enable the children to reintegrate as smoothly as possible. After Easter, we will return to the Engaines School Curriculum map.

We will continue to use Google classroom for homework and reading activities. If your child is self-isolating then remote learning will be put onto the platform for them to complete. If your child is off sick, they are not expected to complete this work.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back next week.

Yours sincerely

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