

3rd March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well. We're looking forward to your children returning to school on Monday 8th March.

We reviewed our risk assessment in line with government guidance when we were expecting full reopening in January and have made recent amendments in preparation for Monday. The updated version is available on our website. Here are the key points. Most of this will be familiar to you from the Autumn Term:

- 1) Children are expected to return to school in uniform on Monday. As the cold weather continues, your child may also wear additional layers of clothing to keep them warm in the classroom as windows must be kept open to increase ventilation. We understand that you may have difficulty ordering uniform items at the moment and we'll be flexible in the first few days back.
- 2) Only essential visits will be allowed on the school premises. All other contact with the school must be via phone or email to the office.
- 3) PE will be outside where possible – children will need warm long-sleeved tops and joggers.
- 4) To limit congestion, we will return to our staggered start and end times. These are:

Year 1, 5 and 6: start at 8.45am and finish at 3.15pm

Years Rec, 2, 3 and 4: start at 9.00am and finish at 3.30pm

- 5) Please stick to these timings and wear a face covering at all times on site and around the school gates (except for those who are exempt).
- 6) Reception parents enter and exit at the EYFS gate; everyone else uses the main gate. Year 1 parents please use the lower playground to wait at drop off and pick up.

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- 7) If your child has been loaned a laptop by the school please return it to your child's class teacher.
- 8) Our usual hygiene measures continue in school: regular handwashing; keeping bubbles separate throughout the school day; older children are seated to face the front in the classroom; no larger gatherings eg assemblies; visitors on site are kept to a minimum and we have an enhanced cleaning routine throughout the school day.
- 9) The only difference that your child may notice is that school staff are now encouraged to wear face coverings in the corridors and communal areas while moving around the school. Face coverings are not advised for primary school children.
- 10) If anyone in your household or support bubble develops symptoms of coronavirus, please inform the school. Your household must self-isolate and the symptomatic person must get a PCR test. If a child or member of staff tests positive for coronavirus, all those who have been in close contact with that person in the two days prior to the onset of symptoms will then be required to self isolate.
- 11) For your wider awareness, primary staff can now take part in twice weekly lateral flow device testing to identify asymptomatic cases. No testing of primary school children takes place in school. Parents you may wish to access lateral flow device testing via community centres throughout the borough eg at the Town Hall. This is encouraged by Lambeth but not a requirement. We will share more information with you about this separately.

I hope you have enjoyed our remote learning offer. I have been impressed every day at how teachers and children have adapted to virtual school. The high percentage of our pupils accessing their learning every day is a credit to everyone.

I will repeat what I have said many times in the past year: You have been amazing in the support you have given us at every stage. We rely on you keeping us informed and we appreciate your ongoing cooperation. We have had amazing feedback from you during parent calls and we would like to capture this to be able to share with the children and new parents. To help us do this, if you have any comments regarding our remote learning, please email the school office at glenbrook@ghf.london.

We can't wait to see you on Monday and I will be smiling at the gate behind my mask.

Warmest wishes as always

Ms Scarsbrook
Headteacher