

### Covid Restrictions Change Again!

Once again restrictions are changing but this time we are delighted as it is more of a return to normality. A new Risk Assessment for infectious diseases can be found on the school website. This newsletter is to update you on some of the changes which will take place as a result.

### Return to Original Start and End Timings

We have reviewed how we operated pre-pandemic especially with regards to timings at drop off and pick up which were originally extended to enable greater social distancing between parents. Now that restrictions are lifting, we aim to return to our original school day timings from **Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> March**. They are **8.55am** school starts and **3.15pm** school ends. Please read the **Start and End of Day Summary** which gives further details about locations.

### End of Day Protocols

We have also reviewed our End of Day Protocols to ensure all children are accounted for at all times and that everyone is clear on who and how they are responsible. There are no real differences to how we operate currently however, we need to update the information regarding who has permission to collect your children including siblings. Please complete the information sheet attached. In the event that someone else is collecting the children (another parent, relative or friend), please inform the office and agree a password.

### World Book Day

We are holding our celebration of books on **Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> March** (the day after World Book Day). We will be basing lots of our activities around the book, *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss which has some really interesting themes as well as fun characters! Also during the day, we will be fostering a love of reading by reading books and talking about books! We will not be requiring anyone to dress up but if you would like to mark the occasion, we have a Wish List on Amazon from which we would welcome any contributions to our library. [https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/10POXJPXOOEDB?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/10POXJPXOOEDB?ref=wl_share)



### Class Cafes









Now that restrictions have lifted, we can't wait to welcome visitors into school and so are introducing Class Cafes. These are a version of the Cafés for All initiative which has, at its core, a commitment to assist parents, schools and the wider community to come together to support and enhance learning. Pre-pandemic, these were enormously popular in other settings across the country as they enabled parents, carers and family members to:

- see their children interacting with their classmates and staff within the school setting
- find out what they are learning and how they are taught
- engage in activities with their children
- socialise with other families and staff members

Your children will be writing an invitation to you to join their class for the morning. Straight after drop off, come to the main entrance and sign in and there will be drinks and biscuits available in the hall. After the children are registered they will come down to the hall with their class teacher and there will be a short input before time to engage in activities.

Doves	Thursday, 10.3.22	8.55—10am	
Robins & Wrens	Friday, 18.3.22	8.55—10am	
Kingfishers	Friday, 25.3.22	8.55—10am	
Owls	Tuesday, 29.3.22	8.55—10am	

## Start and End of Day Summary

 <p><b>School starts – 8.55am</b></p>	<p>Owls, Kingfishers and Doves classes enter through the playground gate and go straight into school. Robins &amp; Wrens through the EYFS entrance at 9.00am.</p>	<p><b>Drop off time is 8.50 – 8.55am</b>          Gates close at 8.55am.          NB: This is a return to the original school start time but children will not be playing on the playground before school.</p>
	<p>Late arrivals will be required to sign in their children at the main entrance.</p>	<p><b>Registers close at 9.00am.</b></p>
 <p><b>Pick Up - 3.15pm</b></p>	<p>Doves, Kingfishers and Owls parents will collect children from the school playground. Robins and Wrens will be collected from EYFS entrance.</p>	<p>The Owls separate entrance will no longer be used. Please enter via the main playground.</p>
	<p>Parents must contact the office by phone or email if there is a change to your child's collection arrangements including being picked by another parent.</p>	<p>A password system will be used with parents when a new or unknown adult is collecting a pupil.</p>
	<p>From the 24th February, there will be no legal requirement to self-isolate after a positive test. However, children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their school while they are infectious.</p>	<p>They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both test results are negative, they should return to their school if they normally attend one, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature.</p>
<p><b>Close Contacts</b></p> 	<p>As of Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February, there is no requirement for close contacts to test for 7 days.</p>	
	<p>If a child is feeling unwell for any reason, inform the school office by phone or email before 9.30am. Please provide proof of appointments in advance.</p>	<p>The school office will inform the class teacher but feel free to message the class teacher as well.</p>
	<p>Walk or cycle or scoot to school where possible.</p>	<p>Please try to avoid parking outside school as it can cause a hazard to families crossing the road.</p>