



1st March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

We are absolutely delighted that the government has confirmed that Speenhamland pupils can return to school for the Spring Term. We therefore expect all pupils in school as normal on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. It is vital that pupils return to school, both for their education and to support their social and emotional well-being. Please remember that the government has made attendance compulsory unless there is a statutory reason for children to be absent.

Having already done a lot of preparation and groundwork, we are in a very strong position for the remaining 3 and a half weeks of the Spring Term. Pupils are used to washing their hands regularly and working within their class ‘bubbles’ and these measures will remain in place. Staggered start and finish times worked well last term and we will continue to have this in place. We have made a few changes to these arrangements listed below and in the attached guidance document.

	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Class 7	Class 8	Class 9	Class 10	Class 11
<b>Teacher</b>	NH	MO/LW	DM	KB	KGD	JH	HR/JC	SE	AW	JP	TR
<b>Arrival</b>	08:50	08:50	08:35	08:35	08:35	08:45	08:45	08:45	08:55	08:55	08:55
<b>Gate</b>	Side	Side	Side	Side	Side	Front	Front	Front	Front	Front	Front
<b>Collection</b>	14:50	14:50	14:40	14:40	14:40	14:50	14:50	14:50	15:00	15:00	15:00
<b>Gate</b>	Side	Side	Side	Side	Side	Front	Front	Front	Front	Front	Front
<b>Home Friday</b>		12:50	12:35	12:35	12:35	12:50	12:50	12:50	13:00	13:00	13:00

There are a few staffing changes for this term. Mrs Choudhury is pregnant so will not be in Class 1, she will be delivering phonics interventions for children in EYFS and Infants. Miss Hipgrave will be teaching Class 1 and Mrs Munro will be teaching in Class 3. Class 11 will be taught by Mrs Richardson, Mrs Osmond and Mrs Broad.

Junior Sports Clubs and ActiveKids will recommence from 9<sup>th</sup> March. Letter attached with details.

The school, working with our Trust, continue to update our Risk Assessments to ensure that a return to school is safe for all our children, staff and the wider community. In order to do this, there is clear Government guidance we must adhere to.

**These are our Trust’s non-negotiables; we will ensure that:**

- 1 we minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school;
- 2 everyone cleans their hands thoroughly more often than usual;
- 3 everyone ensures good respiratory hygiene by promoting the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’ approach;
- 4 there is a programme of enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents and bleach;
- 5 we minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible;
- 6 where and when necessary, appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) will be worn. Staff will be wearing masks around the school for movement and in places where social distancing is difficult;
- 7 staff are self-testing twice a week.

We ask parents to continue to ensure that social distancing is maintained at the start and end of the day. This means that only one parent should attend the school site for the drop off and collection of children. Please do not enter the school grounds or congregate around the school site or on the pavement outside of school. Drop your child and go. Remember that under [Tier 4 restrictions](#) you should not be mixing with any other household at any time, except for the specific purposes laid out in the advice.

It continues to be the case, that if your child or a member of your household display any symptoms of Covid-19 that you must inform the school - you **must not** send your child to school and you should arrange for a test immediately. You can access this through the government website <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. Please inform the school immediately of any POSITIVE test results.

Thank you for supporting us in collecting your child promptly and arranging a test should they show any symptoms whilst in school. We know that you understand that we will only ask you to do this for the purposes of safeguarding the whole school community. We are very grateful for your support and for helping us to keep the Speenhamland Community as safe as possible. If we all adhere to the guidelines, then we know that we are doing the very best we can to maintain our safety.

We are all looking forward to welcoming our pupils back this term, to ensure they continue with their learning and get back into the routines that school brings. Class Teachers will be phoning home this week, continuing with their check ins. If you have any further questions don't hesitate to ask. I can also be contacted via the headteacher or office email addresses.

Yours sincerely



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**Executive Headteacher**

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