



Howard Primary School

01-03-2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Arrangements for return to school on Monday 8th March

As you're likely aware, the government has announced that schools will reopen to all pupils on 8 March. We're very much looking forward to welcoming back more of our pupils to face-to-face education then.

Attendance:

From 8 March, school attendance will be **mandatory** and our usual rules on attendance will apply.

As a reminder, your child should self-isolate and not come to school if they:

- Have coronavirus symptoms or have tested positive
- Live with someone who has symptoms or have tested positive
- Are a close contact of someone who has tested positive

For pupils who are self-isolating or shielding:

We will continue to use Google Classroom throughout the academic year to ensure that your children are able to access remote learning in the event of a bubble closure of self-isolation. Work will be posted in the usual way as and when this becomes necessary for your child.

Our safety measures:

We recognise that the pandemic will continue to be a live issue next week and we will continue to work within the school in a way that minimises the risk of infection as well as working with children so that they understand actions they can take independently. The school will be putting into place preventative measures in accordance with the Government Guidance.

These include:

- Ensuring those who may display coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, are immediately prevented from attending school until a negative test outcome.



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- Cleaning hands thoroughly and more often than usual. Additional hand washing and sanitising stations will be available around school.
- Ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach. Please provide some tissues for your child to bring in with them. Classrooms will also be well ventilated to ensure good air circulation.
- Introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning of toilets and frequently touched surfaces at regular intervals.

Other measures that the school will be putting into place include:

- Staggered drop off and pick up times
- Staggered play times and lunchtimes to minimise bubbles mixing
- Children sitting side by side in class wherever possible.
- Children facing the front where possible.
- Children provided with an individual pack of resources (pens, pencils etc.) so they do not have to share equipment.

Class Arrangements:

Exactly as we did before, each year group will be considered as a separate bubble. Children will have staggered break and lunch times in order to keep the bubbles separate throughout the day.

Drop-off and pick-up:

Most of you will be familiar with our staggered entry and exit systems. These will remain as they were before lockdown however **Year 5 will now enter and exit from the blue zone**. Full details are below.

In order to manage the bubbles within the school we will continue to run a staggered start and end to the day. We will continue to operate on the basis that parents do not come into the school building. Please note that for the time being the only entrance into school will be via Dering Place. All other gates will be closed.




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Drop off and pick up times are as follows:

Who?	Where / When?	How?
Reception	Drop off	9.00am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at the main entrance gate – one parent only please. • Please queue up by the Eldon Phab car park and the pavement in front of houses on Dering Place. Please maintain a safe distance in accordance with social distancing recommendations. • You will be directed by the staff on duty to walk up to the Reception outdoor area where Reception staff will be ready to welcome your child into school. 
	Pick up	3.00pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please arrive on time and walk up to the Reception outdoor area where your child can then be collected.
Year 1	Drop off: Green Zone	8.45am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at the main entrance gate – one parent only please. • Please queue up along the blue railings in front of the school building maintaining a safe distance in accordance with social distancing recommendations. • Your child will be met by a member of staff and directed into the building. • <u>Please note:</u> Currently, parents are not permitted on to the school site without a prior appointment.



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	<p>Pick up: Green Zone</p>	<p>3.00pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please arrive on time and wait along the blue railings in front of the school. • Class teachers will be waiting to dismiss pupils individually from the main gate. • Please leave the pick up area as soon as you have collected your child.
<p>Year 2</p>	<p>Drop off: Green Zone</p>	<p>9.00am</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at the main entrance gate – one parent only please. • Please queue up by the Eldon Phab car park and the pavement in front of houses on Dering Place. Please maintain a safe distance in accordance with social distancing recommendations. • Your child will be met by a member of staff and directed into the building. • Please note: Currently, parents are not permitted on to the school site without a prior appointment.



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	Pick up: Green Zone	3.15pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please arrive on time and wait by the Eldon Phab car park and the pavement in front of houses on Dering Place. Please maintain a safe distance in accordance with social distancing recommendations. Class teachers will be waiting to dismiss pupils individually from the main gate. Please leave the pick up area as soon as you have collected your child.
Year 3	Drop off: Green Zone	9.15am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrive at the main entrance gate – one parent only please. Please queue up along the blue railings in front of the school building maintaining a safe distance in accordance with social distancing recommendations. Your child will be met by a member of staff and directed into the building. Please note: Currently, parents are not permitted on to the school site without a prior appointment.
	Pick up: Green Zone	3.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please arrive on time and wait along the blue railings in front of the school. Class teachers will be waiting to dismiss pupils individually from the main gate. Please leave the pick up area as soon as you have collected your child.



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Year 4	Drop off: Yellow Zone	8.45am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at the gates by the blue container in front of the assembly hall – one parent only please. • Please queue up in front of the railings outside the old laundry school building maintaining a safe distance in accordance with social distancing recommendations. • Your child will be met by a member of staff and directed to their classroom. • <u>Please note:</u> Currently, parents are not permitted on to the school site without a prior appointment. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div>
	Pick up: Yellow Zone	3.00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please arrive on time and wait in front of the railings outside the old laundry school building. • Class teachers will be waiting to dismiss pupils individually from the gate by the blue container. • Please leave the pick up area as soon as you have collected your child.
Year 5	Drop off: Blue Zone	9.00am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at the main entrance gate – one parent only please. • Please queue up along the blue railings in front of the school building maintaining a safe distance in accordance with social distancing recommendations. • Your child will be met by a member of staff and directed into the building via the gate to the left of the main entrance.



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Year 6	Drop off: Blue Zone	9.15am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrive at the small gate by the steps leading into the school – one parent only please. Please queue up in front of the railings outside the old laundry school building maintaining a safe distance in accordance with social distancing recommendations. Your child will be met by a member of staff and directed to their classroom. Please note: Currently, parents are not permitted on to the school site without a prior appointment. 



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	Pick up: Blue Zone	3.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please arrive on time and wait in front of the railings outside the old laundry school building.• Class teachers will be waiting to dismiss pupils individually from the gate by the blue container.• Please leave the pick up area as soon as you have collected your child.

Key information for parents / carers:

1. If you have more than one child attending school you may bring both children in at the **earlier** of the starting times and collect them at the **later** time to and from **the school hall**.
2. The Government have confirmed that it is **compulsory for all children** to attend school from next week unless they are ill, self-isolating or shielding. If for any reason your child is not able to come into school please inform the School Office by 9.30am in the usual way.
3. Children will be taught in their usual year group classrooms.
4. Water fountains will not be in use. Please provide your child with a named water bottle.
5. School uniform should be worn. Your child will be informed on which day they have PE. On the days that your child has PE they should come into school in their P.E kits and wearing their Howard School jumper. As most PE lessons will be outdoors (in accordance with Government Guidelines) jogging bottoms may be worn until the weather improves. **This measure ensures no PE bags will be in school.**
6. Children will need to bring in a named school book bag only (no additional rucksacks to minimise the number of bags in school). Children will be asked not to bring in belongings from home, including their own pencil cases. **Nothing should be brought into school from home except their reading book, homework diary / reading record and a water bottle.**



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7. Home learning of daily reading will be set. Reading books will be cleaned upon return to school. Additional homework activities will be set online via Google Classroom.
8. Parents are encouraged to contact the school via email and telephone, as we are required to minimise contact between adults. If it is necessary to have face to face contact, this will be arranged in a space suitable for social distancing to occur.
9. Sherwood will be open to all pupils. Please apply directly to them if you would like to arrange after school care.
10. Pabulum will be resuming a lunch service from next week. A continuation of the current menu will be in place and can be found via the link on our website. Packed lunches can also be brought to school if you prefer.
11. An updated risk assessment for March will be available on the school website following final approval from the Governors.

Lockdown has been a challenging period for all of us, and we'd like to thank you for your continuing support during this difficult and uncertain time. If you or your child have any concerns about returning to school, or if you think your child might need extra support when they return, please get in touch with the senior leadership team at SLT@howard.croydon.sch.uk.

We would also like to thank you for all your support in helping your child learn from home. We will continue to keep in touch if we update our plans or if we need to make changes due to new government guidance.

Yours sincerely,

Governors and Senior Leadership Team

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