



## Holt Farm Infant School

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Dear Parents,

Following the latest guidance from the government, we have made changes to school organisation in readiness for the return of all children to school. Please be aware, these plans are subject to change and are dependent on local authority and government advice to ensure safety for all of our community.

The organisation for the restart of school will be similar to that in September 2020.

### **Monday March 8<sup>th</sup> 2021**

All children will be able to return to school from this date. The government has stated that the expectation is that all children will return to school and parents may receive penalty notices if their child does not attend.

### **Who cannot yet attend?**

Children, if they or a family member has symptoms of Covid 19.

The advice for pupils who have been confirmed as clinically extremely vulnerable is to shield and stay at home as much as possible until further notice. They are advised not to attend school while shielding advice applies nationally.

### **Class Groupings and how the classes will work**

All children will return to their class grouping (bubble) and maintain social distancing from other bubbles. YR children will be in one bubble including both Diamond and Pearl classes.

In Y1 and Y2, children will be seated at tables. Each child will have their own stationery and equipment. Resources and equipment, such as books and games, can be shared within their bubble. In YR, children will also be able to access the outdoor Learning Garden.

The children will stay in their classroom during the day apart from playtimes and lunchtimes. Their movement throughout the school will be limited.

Playtimes and lunchtimes will be staggered and class bubbles will remain together. We will also be using outdoor learning opportunities where possible. PE and music lessons will be with the children's bubbles and outside where possible.

Children will be required to attend school in uniform. If your child is in need of new uniform and you are unable to purchase, please send them to school in appropriate clothing until you are able to do so. Uniform does not need to be cleaned more often than usual.

They will need to bring book bags and will be given books at the start of the week. On Fridays, books can be returned, stored over the weekend and new books distributed on Mondays.

PE will take place outside, depending on the weather. On PE days please can children attend school in their PE kit. No jewellery should be worn on PE days. *(Under local authority guidance earrings must be removed and cannot be taped)*

## PE TIMETABLE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Amethyst	Topaz	Jade	Amethyst	Emerald
Topaz	Sapphire	Garnet	Emerald	Garnet
Jade				Sapphire

### Starting and Finishing School

Start times and finish times will be staggered and with class groups arriving at a set time with Garnet, Sapphire Topaz and Amethyst classes entering on the left hand side of the building (by the swimming pool) and Emerald, Jade, Diamond and Pearl classes entering on the right hand side of the building. These will be marked out for social distancing and signposted for you to follow.

### **Arrival/Finish times:**

	Arrival	Finish
Y2	8.45am	3.10pm
Y1	8.55am	3.05pm
YR	9.05am	3.00pm

**Following government guidance, we ask that all parents wear face masks when on the school site.**

**We ask for your support in keeping social distance during these drop off and pick up times. If possible, we ask that your child is picked up by one parent to allow social distancing to be maintained on the school grounds.**

**To support our community, we ask that parents do not group together outside the school entrance – thereby blocking the pavements, etc.**

If you have issues with your child refusing to come into school, staff will be there to help encourage them in. If behaviour deteriorates, please stand to one side until there is space for us to help.

If you have more than one child attending our school in different year groups, please drop off your first child and wait in a suitable place away from others until you are able to drop off your other children.

### Access to staff/office

If you need to speak to the teacher or leave a message, please would you arrange to do this at the office or by phoning/email.

### **Teaching and Learning**

Your children will need time to adapt to school life again. Our priority will be to focus on the well-being of the children. We will then begin to start more formal learning.

### **Cleaning and Hygiene**

Children will continue to have regular hand washing during the day. If you wish your child to bring in hand moisturiser (and/or sun-cream), this will be kept in their trays.

Staff will be cleaning tables and equipment at regular intervals and our cleaning staff will then be cleaning the classrooms after school.

Classrooms will have good ventilation from doors and windows.

Staff will have access to visors and gloves. They will also use aprons in supporting children with personal care.

### **Playtimes and Lunchtimes**

Playtimes will be staggered so that children remain in their bubble. At lunchtime there will be separate sittings for each year group and tables will be sanitised between sittings. We have attached a copy of the new menu and a letter about school meals. We are not able to provide school packed lunch or jacket potatoes.

#### **Please can they bring in their own water bottle.**

Playtimes will be staggered with different groups using the playground and field at different times. We will encourage our children to remember good hygiene practices and distancing before, during and after playtimes and lunchtimes but we are also very aware of the age of our children and their normal desire to play with their friends.

All support staff are first aid trained and we have three paediatric first aiders in school.

### **Breakfast Club and After School Clubs**

We will be able to continue with Breakfast Club from the March 8<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast Club runs from 7.45am until 8.45am when the children are taken to their classrooms. Separate class bubbles are maintained during this session.

We will not be running After School Clubs until after the Easter holiday.

### **School Staff**

All of our school staff have access to Rapid Flow Testing which is undertaken twice weekly and will support the return to school by identifying people who are infectious but do not have any Covid-19 symptoms.

Primary age pupils will not be tested with LFDs.

### **If your child becomes unwell at school**

If your child is unwell at school, the usual arrangements for contacting you will apply. If your child is displaying any symptoms of Covid 19, they will be taken to the computer room and kept safely until you arrive to collect them. Information about testing and tracing will also be given to you.

If a member of a class bubble tests positive for Covid 19, then the class bubble will be asked to self-isolate and information about testing and tracing will be given to parents. If the bubble members are asked to isolate, it is essential that you follow the government guidance and remain at home for 10 days.

If a bubble member goes on to display symptoms and so accesses a test but it is negative – they still cannot return to school until they have completed their 10 day isolation period.

Where the original individual tests negative, they can return to their setting and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation.

Where your child tests positive – they may return to school after 7 days, providing they are well enough to do so.

At all times the safety of your children and our staff is uppermost in our plans. We are very pleased that the children will be returning in March and ask for your cooperation in keeping everyone safe at school.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Robin Goodier

Headteacher