

March 2021

We're coming back, looking forward and staying safe....!



Following the announcement by Boris Johnson confirming schools are back from 8th March 2021, we can almost hear the cheers from teachers, staff, parents, and children all over the country.

In the coming week, staff will be working round the clock to make sure school is safe and secure for your arrival with all measures in place to ensure all goes as smoothly as possible.

Whilst staff are working in school, we are asking parents to support us by making some preparations at home too.

PREPARING CHILDREN FOR THE RETURN TO SCHOOL

#LOCKDOWN 2021 WELLBEING

Parents and children may be anxious about the return to school.

As a parent try to not project your fears onto your child.

Allow your child the opportunity to discuss their fears and concerns. Work on solutions and strategies together.

Involve your child in preparation the night before school starts, laying out uniform, packing a bag and promote a positive mindset.

There is access to a free activity pack to support young people at www.thecontentedchild.co.uk.

We are expecting all sorts of emotions coming back so if you have any worries or concerns please call school to discuss, we are here to help...!

ROUTINES



Many children will be out of the school routine. To support a smooth transition back to school, you should consider bedtimes and waking time, get them up early enough as leaving this till the night before will make it difficult getting children up, dressed and in school on time. If necessary, work towards this gradually over the next few days.

Stop excess snacking between mealtimes and try to fit mealtimes in with the school day in preparation.

Keep to school timings for home learning, particularly in this final week. - Ensure your child has everything ready for their return, uniform, equipment, and school shoes. The academy expectations remain the same and children need to be in full uniform, NO TRAINERS unless it is a PE day.

Ensure you have everything organised the day before to save anxieties on the morning. You can even take the walk/journey to school once or twice in the week before.

Attendance

From 8th March, the government have stated that attendance will be **mandatory for all children** and, therefore, all children should return to school. For parents and carers of children of compulsory school age, this means that the legal duty on you as a parent to send your child to school regularly will apply.

If your child is poorly and unable to attend school for any reason, the usual reporting procedures apply, and parents will need to call school as early as possible to inform us of any absence. School can be contacted on **01922 721323**.

Our full 'welcome back' information is available on our website. Please check to clarify drop off points and times for your child. We look forward to seeing you and your children next week.

Once again thank you for your ongoing support.

