



**Robins Lane**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you, your families and your friends are safe and well.

It has been a very busy, and difficult, week with guidance constantly changing – as recently as yesterday! Nonetheless, I hope to provide some additional information as to how school will run from next week onwards. Please find this information on the following pages.

As an aside, I would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding whilst we have moved as quickly as possible to our new systems and process the many requests for places.

As I said in my letter on Monday night, we fully appreciate the difficulties that these new measures place on all our families and working parents/carers. We know the best place for all our children is to be with us in school. However, please appreciate that we must adhere to the national guidance and cannot use our discretion – as much as we would like to!

Even if you are learning from home, you must still read the 'differences to home-learning expectations' section on the following page.

If you have any further questions, or we can help you in any way at all, please do get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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**Aim High, Fly High**

### **Differences to home-learning expectations**

Please note that this year's lockdown is very different to last year. Schools must set new learning each day in line with their curriculum sequence. Children are expected to complete this work each day and engage with their teachers online. Schools are expected to check up on all children's engagement, at least weekly, to make sure all families are completing the work set. We have made sure most of our learning materials are pre-recorded to help families manage the logistics of their day. A separate home-learning guidance video has also been shared earlier today. Please do watch this as soon as possible.

### **Eligibility for places**

Only those people listed on the governments critical or vulnerable lists, and **essential** to front line work, are eligible for a school place. All families who requested a place have now been contacted regarding their eligibility. Future requests for places are subject to availability and are not guaranteed.

### **School day timings**

We can now confirm that our school day timings will not change. School starts at 8:45am and closes at 3:15pm.

### **Changes to entrance and collection points**

Next week, we are reducing the number of doors in use. The new entrances are:

Nursery and Reception – normal door

Year 1 and Year 2 – Year 1 classroom entrance

Year 3 and Year 4 – normal door (junior cloakroom)

Year 5 and Year 6 – After-school club door (Year 6's current door)

To set a positive example on social distancing, we ask that parents do not stand around on the playground or car park. Only one parent or carer can drop off or collect. We also ask you to keep your 2m distance from our staff at the doors.

### **Cleanliness**

Our enhanced cleaning programme throughout the day will continue to run. This is completed by our caretaker, Mr Edwards. Our staff will regularly reinforce the importance of good hygiene and children will be asked to regularly wash their hands throughout the day. We have hand sanitisers at all entrances which children must use when they enter.

### **Uniform and PE kits**

All our children should continue to wear full school uniform. Please also bring PE kits in on a Monday and leave them in school until Friday.

### **Lunches, snacks and breakfast bagels**

Children will continue to eat their lunch in their designated classroom. If you are entitled to a free school meal, or you normally pay for a school lunch, you can still do this. Please note that, whilst hot dinners are available, there may be some changes to the order of our menu. You are also welcomed to provide your own packed lunch if you wish.

Although snacks for breaktimes are not sold at this time, we will provide breakfast bagels to all children. You are also welcomed to send in a snack from home if you wish.

### **Face masks and protective gloves**

Please do not send your child to school wearing a face mask or protective gloves. If this happens, Government guidance is for the mask to be removed before entering school. We are following this guidance.

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

Please be reminded that Breakfast and After School Clubs are now closed until further notice. We have no immediate plans to reopen them this half-term.

**If someone shows symptoms**

We ask for your full support in monitoring symptoms at home. If your child, or anyone in your household, displays any of the known symptoms at home (continuous new cough, high temperature, loss of taste or smell), please do not come to school and follow national self-isolation guidelines.

If your child begins to show symptoms at school, we will call you immediately and ask that you collect them. They will then safely wait for you in another room. If the symptoms are severe, we will follow our normal first-aid procedures and contact the emergency services.

If there is a confirmed case of Coronavirus, your child's bubble group may be closed for a period of isolation.

**If someone is in a clinically extremely vulnerable category**

In short, if your child is clinically extremely vulnerable and shielding, they should not come to school. If they are classed as clinically vulnerable, please follow any medical advice related to their condition.

**Staffing**

Our staff are still working full-time during this lockdown. However, to provide both an online and in-person teaching offer, they will be on a rota for face-to-face teaching duties. Therefore, our classes will be taught by a mix of the following teachers until further notice:

Year 1 and Year 2 – Miss Petre, Mr Lownsborough and Miss Middlehurst

Year 3 and Year 4 – Mr Taylor and Miss Welding

Year 5 and Year 6 – Miss Moremon, Mr Rogers and Mr Albrecht

Nursery and Reception staffing will remain the same throughout the week.

**Free school meal vouchers**

We have now received confirmation of how this lockdown's voucher system will work. We hope that the first batch of vouchers will be distributed early next week and will be in touch again soon with further details.