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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 5,

I hope this letter finds you well and you had a restful half term break. We are really looking forward to welcoming your child back to school.

I write to confirm the details and arrangements for the reopening of school. Please read the letter carefully, as it sets out all the information you will need to know. To reduce the risk of transmission in our school community we will continue with the systems we implemented in the Autumn Term.

Return To School Guidance:

To ensure we continue to keep everyone safe and support you and your child, we have devised clear systems and procedures, as a result we will be staggering the pupils back into school over two days. This will allow staff time to induct pupils so as to comply with government expectations and the school risk assessment to further mitigate potential risks.

Year 5 will attend school every day from **Monday 8th March**.

Pupils will be expected to attend school for 5 full days per week (Monday-Friday) to allow teachers time to cover the curriculum and any gaps in learning that may have arisen as a result of the lockdown.

Pupils should come in via the double gate on Fife road into the main playground **between 8:30 - 8:45am and make their way straight up to class via the external stairs**. Year 5 school finishes at **3:00pm**.

Staff will be at the gates to support with the transition to full reopening and welcome pupils back.

Uniform and Equipment for School

Pupils will be expected to wear school uniforms or school colours (Navy/black shirts/shorts/trousers, white plain tops/shirts, navy cardigans, navy/black shoes or trainers), clearly labelled with your child's name.

Pupils should bring a coat for cold and wet days but **MUST NOT BRING BAGS**. Your child will be allowed to bring a packed lunch, if this is your preferred choice, and a clearly labelled water bottle. Hot lunches and cold





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lunches will be provided on a rota basis to avoid congestion in the dining hall. Please **do not** send your child to school with any other items as this will reduce the risk of contamination/infection and will also help us to keep the classrooms tidy and hygienic.

On **PE** days pupils will be allowed to come to school dressed in their PE kits (Blue/Black tracksuits and House T shirts) to avoid changing.

Arrival & Dismissal Protocol:

- No parents will be permitted into the school building unless they have an appointment. To communicate with the school please call **0207 476 1284** or send an email to info@keirhardie.newham.sch.uk
- Only parents of pupils who may be distressed/dysregulated, SEND pupils will be allowed in the school grounds (Only one parent will be allowed).
- Make sure you have given the school any changes to your contact details. We must have up-to-date telephone numbers to ensure we effectively safeguard your child.

Classroom Arrangements

Pupils will be taught in class bubbles. We will keep these groups of pupils and adults together wherever feasible. Where this cannot take place due to the layout of the building, the needs of the pupils and the demands of the curriculum, we will make every attempt to minimise mixing of groups. We will achieve this by keeping the pupils and adults within their classes, which is permissible as outlined in our risk assessment.

Pupils will be sitting in forward facing rows to limit risk (this does not apply to younger children). They will be provided with all the stationery that they need during the school day and this will minimise items being shared with any other pupils. Please do not send your child in with a pencil case.

Curriculum

We are incredibly proud how successful the Remote Learning engagement from our pupils has been for the past 7 weeks, thank you parents for supporting your children. During the lockdown, teachers continued to plan lessons from our Spring Term curriculum, live streaming lessons, modeling concepts and giving feedback which allowed our pupils to make progress, we therefore anticipate the learning gaps will be minimal compared to the first lockdown. Teachers will effectively plan for all pupil's return to school, plan for their learning gaps, subjects and skills not fully taught, focus on the pupil's social and emotional wellbeing, giving pupils opportunities to express their experiences over lock down and continue to develop their physical and mental





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wellbeing. As a school we were very proud of our successful and smooth transition back into school in September and most importantly the progress the pupils had made by December. We are very confident that our pupils will settle back to school quickly and with your support together we will ensure they make accelerated progress.

School laptops

Pupils who have borrowed laptops/tablets during lockdown must bring them back when they return to school. They should give them to their class teacher as they will need to be accounted for, checked and redistributed back into classes for the pupils to use in school.

Attendance

The government has stated that attendance is compulsory. Your child is expected to come to school daily unless they are unwell. If your child or anyone in your household develops any of the three main symptoms of COVID-19 (high fever, persistent cough, loss of taste and/or smell), **PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD IN TO SCHOOL** and let us know as soon as possible. We will ask that the person with symptoms has a test and that you confirm a negative result before we can allow your child to come back. Please keep your child at home if any member of your family is awaiting a test result.

Breakfast Club and After School Care

We will be resuming Breakfast Club and ASC (After School Care) from 8th March for pupils from Reception to Year 6.

Breakfast Club will begin at 8am. Any children who arrive for Breakfast Club after 8:10am will not be allowed in. Entry to Breakfast Club will be through the gate into the School Square opposite the front of the school. Children should go into the Dance Studio through the School Square door to be registered. They will then go straight to their bubbles. Breakfast Club is £1 per day.

ASC will run from the end of the school day until 6pm. Please call the school on 0207 476 1284 or 07495 900 153 to register your child for either of these clubs.

Please continue to remind your child of ways to keep safe: HYGIENE

- Remind children to wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds using the following technique



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https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/866065/Handwashing_techniques.pdf

- Video <https://youtu.be/bQCP7waTRWU>
- Catch it. Bin it. Kill it.' To help reduce flu infections

As a school we will continue to:

- Have increased cleaning hours during the day to maintain disinfection in high used areas, toilets, staffroom, door handles, and stair rails.
- Ensure the school is well stocked with resources - lidded bins, paper towel dispensers for all children/staff toilets
- All bubbles to have soap, sprays, antibacterial wipes and disposable paper towels
- All classrooms to have soap and water, a hand sanitizing station

We know that school will be a little different for our pupils and families in the coming weeks and months, please be assured we will keep any disruptions to a minimum and we will communicate any changes. The safety of our school community remains our priority.

As ever, thank you for your continued support!

Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Ms V Otieno
Headteacher

