

5th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are looking forward to seeing the children next week. The arrangements for the return to school are detailed below and copies of our risk assessment will be available on our website. The arrangements are the same as last term and follow all national and local guidelines. Please make sure you familiarise yourself with them once again and follow them, as well as national advice, so we can keep everyone safe and remain open.

Whilst we have worked hard to create as normal an environment as possible for our children, the reality, as you know, is that these are far from normal times and the virus has not gone away. We would therefore ask you to continue to follow our protocol for the start and end of the day by:

- Waiting for your child in the designated area.
- Arriving and collecting your child at the right time, punctuality is important
- Maintaining social distancing and not gathering outside the school gates
- Parking away from the school gates and not leaving your car engines running
- Wearing a face mask when entering the playground and keeping it on until you have walked away from the crowds at the gate. If you are exempt from wearing a face mask then you must have your lanyard and proof of exemption

Safety Protocols

The controls from the autumn term will continue, and are as follows:

- strict adherence to Public Health England guidelines in the event of a suspected or confirmed case of COVID - 19
- children who are unwell must remain at home for at least 48 hours and take a test if they have any of the Covid- 19 symptoms
- increased ventilation by opening windows and doors
- increased day time cleaning of toilets, handrails and frequently used areas
- children and adults continuously reminded of our hygiene protocols and to maintain a social distance wherever possible
- regular hand washing throughout the school day
- antibacterial hand wash/hand sanitising gel in every classroom and throughout the school
- additional site cleaning throughout the day
- all movement around the school kept to a minimum





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- staggered start and finish times to the school day
- no parents, carers or visitors on site during the school day (apart from collection) 🚫
no gathering outside the school gates and masks to be worn by parents on site at all times.
- no educational visits using public transport
- no extra-curricular clubs (to be reviewed after two weeks)
- no whole school assemblies, face to face parent meetings, performances or curriculum meetings

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
- At the beginning of the day only parents of pupils who may be distressed/dysregulated, SEND and Nursery pupils will be allowed in the school grounds (Only one parent will be allowed).
- At the end of the school day, only one parent of Nursery, Reception, Year 2 and Year 3 will be allowed in the school playground to collect their child (face coverings must be worn).
- 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.
- **Please make sure your child is prompt and does not arrive late to school, gates will be shut promptly. All late pupils must come into the school via the main school office.**



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The timetable for start and finish times for each year group is as follows:

Year Group	Start Time	Finish Time	Entry/ Exit Gate
Nursery	8:45am	3:15pm	School Square gate next to Children's Centre
Reception	9:00am	3:00pm	School Square gate next to Children's Centre
Year 1	8:50am	3:15pm	Hammersley Road Gate
Year 2	8:50am	3:15pm	Fife Road/Main Playground Gate
Year 3	8:45am	3:00pm	Fife Road/Main Playground Gate
Year 4	8:45am	3:00pm	School Square Gate on Robertson Rd
Year 5	8:30am(soft start)	3:00pm	Fife Road Gate/Main Playground Gate
Year 6	8:30am(soft start)	3:00pm	School Square Gate on Robertson Rd
SEND pupils	8:45am	3:00pm	Fife Road Gate/Main Playground Gate

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 lunches will be provided on a rota basis to avoid congestion in the dining hall. Please do not send your child



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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.

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 8 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 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.





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Emotional Support

Please contact the class teacher via the school office if you would like us to know about any significant issues that have affected your family so that we can best support your child.

School laptops

Pupils who have borrowed laptops/tablets during lockdown must bring them back on the first day they return to school. The laptop should be given to their class teacher, all laptops need to be accounted for, cleaned, 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. Reminder, if you have traveled from a red list country your child must quarantine following the government guidance before coming back to school.

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. Please note: **On Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th March, only pupils that pay for Breakfast will be provided with Breakfast. From Wednesday 10th March, we will continue providing bagels to all pupils in the morning supported by MAGIC Breakfast charity.**

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 (After School Care) will run from the end of the school day until 6:30pm at a cost of £8 per day. Please call



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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
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

We know that school will be a little different for our pupils and families in the coming weeks, 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

