Returning to School - Parent Information - Updated 1st March 2021		
Pupils Returning to School NEW**	All pupils are expected to return to school on Monday 8 th March. If your child has received a CEV medical letter stating that they should not return to school, please let us know.	
Face Coverings	Children in Primary Schools are not required to wear a face covering.	
UPDATED**	All visitors to school are required to wear a face mask. This includes parents visiting the school and at drop off and pick up times. Thank you.	
	Staff are now required to wear face coverings at all times in school except when teaching in their classroom, please prepare your child for this.	
	Please see our face mask protocol.	
Curriculum and Remote Education	All children will return to classroom based learning.	
UPDATED**	Google Classroom will now be used as a regularly but not exclusively as a classroom tool. It will also be used as a means to provide further support and homework for your child.	
Transport to school UPDATED **	We are advised that school buses will be running as normal. NYCC Passenger Transport have asked us to share with you the advice below:	
	•Pupils and their parents/carers should ensure that pupils have washed and or sanitised their hands prior to boarding the transport service each morning	
	Pupils should queue at their designated bus stop/collection points in the usual orderly manner and take particular care not to make unnecessary contact with other pupils	
	• Pupils board the vehicle and sit on the furthest rear seat available and try and use the same seat and sit with the same group of pupils each day.	
	• On the return journey home pupils should wash and or sanitise their hands at school and queue up with the last to get off at the front of the queue followed by those getting off first	
	• Based on PHE recommendations, we ask that all pupils, aged 11 and over wear a face covering provided by their parents, where individual needs allow it. This will ensure the safety of each pupil, the driver and other pupils travelling on the bus.	
	• Where school transport is shared by children attending different schools, we would ask that pupils sit together based on the school they are attending wherever possible.	
Drop off and Pick up	Normal Pick up and Drop off times resume.	
UPDATED **	Please drop off between 8.45am and 9am. Juniors should enter through the front gate and front door. Infants to use the bottom gate and side children's entrance.	
	Pick up time 3.15pm. Junior pick up at the front door gate. Infant pick up at the normal bottom field gate. Please allow us space to exit the gate and load school buses safely at the end of the day.	

	Please do maintain social distancing at the gate/or wait in your vehicle and wait for your child/ren to be safely passed to you. Only one adult per family should be present to limit the number of adults collecting. **Adults MUST wear masks at these times.
Entry to school for adults	Please do not enter the school building. However, if entry is necessary please use the front door and remain distanced from the front desk. You will be asked to sanitise your hands. Entry to the rest of the school building will not be permitted until further notice.
	Please do not allow siblings of children in school or on to school premises at this time.
Entry to school for children	A member of staff will supervise entry to school at the gate as normal.
	A further member of staff will supervise entry to school at the building doors and ensure that all children wash their hands on arrival.
	Juniors should enter through the front door.
	Infants to use the side children's entrance.
	EYFS to enter via the bottom field gate and the playground gate, bypassing the main school building.
Book bags and transfer of	Please do send your child to school with:
items to and from school	Sports kit
	Book bag
	Coat
	Healthy snack and drink for playtime
	Please do not allow your child to bring other items in from school at this current time. This includes Y6 pencil cases, show and tell items etc.
	It is possible for some items to be bought in ahead of time and quarantined for 72 hours prior to use/distribution. If you are uncertain about what can be brought into school by the children, please do ring to discuss.
Uniform	Please do send your child back to school in full school uniform.
	As the weather turns colder this is making it a little chilly in our rooms. Please do make sure that your child has their school jumper. At this time, we are also happy if your child wishes to wear a further layer or two over their uniform in the form of an extra fleece, jumper or hoody. We do not expect these to be in line with the school uniform policy, however, we do expect them to wear their school uniform as normal and for these items to be additional if needed.
Drinking bottles and	Children will be allocated their own chair, seating space and equipment which will
equipment	be for their sole use. This equipment will be cleaned at the end of every day. Desks will be forward facing in line with government guidance.

Handwashing and hygiene	We have set up additional handwashing stations in each classroom and hand sanitiser, tissues and lidded bins are also available. Hand washing will be frequent
	throughout the day.
	Please do ensure that your child knows about frequent handwashing and the importance of drying their hands thoroughly, safe sneezing and coughing and the safe disposal of tissues
	We are using a mild moisturising handwash and we have approximately three additional hand washes through the day on top of the children's usual toilet and lunchtime handwashing routine - depending on activities. We have talked to the children about the importance of rinsing the soap off properly and drying their hands properly to prevent sore hands. We will be reinforcing the importance of doing this in school but would appreciate it if you could also have that conversation with your child. Thank you.
	We have been advised by our NYCC Health and Safety advisor that children should not bring their own hand sanitiser or liquids into school. Hand sanitiser is not used by the children in school unless we are in a circumstance such as Forest School, where we have no access to soap and water. It is also a requirement that we hold the COSHH safety data sheet for every different liquid in school.
	If your child is having significant issues due to a skin condition, please complete the Medication Form from our website to allow us to administer any necessary medication. The form can be found <a here"="" href="https://example.com/heres/here</td></tr><tr><td rowspan=2>If your child becomes ill</td><td>If your child is taken poorly during the day, they will be isolated upstairs with a member of staff and you will be contacted to collect them immediately.</td></tr><tr><td>Staff have access to full PPE should they require it in the isolation room.</td></tr><tr><td rowspan=2>Snacks and School Dinners</td><td>Children may bring their own healthy snack and drink for playtime, please ensure that they know they are not able to share their drink and snack, we will be reinforcing this in school.</td></tr><tr><td>School dinners will continue to be provided by Ali.</td></tr><tr><td>Medication – inhalers etc.</td><td>Please do ensure that your child returns to school with their named inhaler.</td></tr><tr><td rowspan=2></td><td>If your child requires other medication when returning to school please complete the form from our school website and hand in with the medication via the front door or the member of staff on gate duty. Please do not send medicines with your child. The form can be found HERE .
It is important that we have an inhaler in school for any child who suffers from Asthma even if you feel that they do not usually need it. Please send a named inhaler into school. Thank you.	
Sun protection	Please do ensure your child is fully protected with a long lasting 8 hour sun protection cream and brings their hat and a cover all should the weather be hot.
Breakfast Club	Breakfast club is now available. The cost remains at £2.50 per child per day. Please book in advance if possible. Thank you.
Outdoor Learning	Please do send your child with a coat and suitable outdoor footwear such as trainers. In line with guidance we will try to adapt to outdoor learning when possible

Clothing	Guidance states that normal laundry procedures are sufficient at the end of every day.
Family circumstances	Please do let us know if family circumstances have changed recently or if a friend or family member has experienced illness or bereavement. We can then be sensitive in our approach to some of our return to school lessons and activities
Illness	If your child is showing any symptoms of illness particularly symptoms of Covid-19, please follow the government guidance.
	Please do ring the school to discuss your child's absence and whether they are able to attend before bringing them to schools. Please always err on the side of caution.
Measures that we have taken in school	whilst our school is likely to be considered as one 'bubble' by the Health Protection Agency due to its small size, we will be working in two class based groups, Infants (including EYFS) and Juniors. The groups will be kept separate as much as is reasonably possible during the day having separate Collective Worship, playtimes and lunch time. They will enter and exit the school using different doors The implementation of regular hand washing of 20 secs minimum using soap and water. Children will all wash their hands when entering the building at the start of the day, before and after food, and after using the toilet in addition to other timetabled slots throughout the day. Children may also be asked to use hand sanitiser (supervised) if working outdoors. Stringent cleaning protocols will be adhered to following the latest government guidance; wiping down surfaces, door handles, light switches etc. at the end of each day. Desk have been reorganised to be forward facing. Clearing surfaces in classrooms to reduce the amount of equipment that could potentially become contaminated. Ensuring plentiful supplies of tissues are at hand in every class and encouraging children to use the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach and using lidded bins for disposal of tissues Ensuring areas are well ventilated by opening windows. Reducing the amount of shared equipment used in school and that which is shared between home and school to avoid transmission e.g. laptops will all be wiped with anti-bac wipes between users, children will each have their own learning pack with basic equipment for personal use such as pencils, pens, whiteboards etc.
If there is a confirmed case of coronavirus in our school	Parents will be informed at the earliest opportunity. As a school we have a number of steps we have to take and our actions will be guided by the advice and support given to us by Public Health England, the DfE and NYCC.
	Please ensure that if you are notified by the school, or Test and Trace, you follow the appropriate guidance issued to you for everyone's safety. Thank you.
Further information links	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-

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