

Shepherd Primary School

Friday Letter

Friday 5th March 2021

Dear Parents

School Reopening on 8th March

As already communicated to you in my letter dated 23rd February, school will fully reopen on Monday 8th March for all children. Following a review of the latest government guidance, I can confirm that our school day will operate in the same way that it did in the Autumn term. Here are a few reminders for you:

School Drop Off and Pick Up Times - Drop off will continue to be staggered between 8.40-9am each day. Children cannot arrive later than that to school. Pick up times at the end of the day will also continue to be staggered as follows:

- 12noon: Nursery (1pm: Nursery Lunch Clubbers)
- 3.10pm: Reception and Year 1
- 3.15pm: Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4
- 3.20pm: Year 5 and Year 6

We would like to continue to ask for parents support in the wearing of face masks when parents are on school site – thank you.

School Uniform - Please remember that children must return to school in full school uniform on non PE days (this includes the correct school shoes). Please make sure that you check your child's school uniform, shoes and trainers still fit, ready for the first day back. Children can continue to wear PE kit on PE days, as follows:

Nursery	Monday
Reception	Friday
Year 1	Monday, Friday
Year 2	Tuesday, Thursday
Year 3	Tuesday, Thursday
Year 4	Wednesday, Friday
Year 5	Monday, Friday
Year 6	Tuesday, Friday

Water Bottles – Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle (recyclable) to school each day.

Lunches - In order to ensure that 'bubbles' of children do not mix, we will be continuing to operate our week on/week off for hot school dinners, as detailed below. As usual, those children choosing a hot meal may choose a cold meal instead. Please make sure you order your child's meals on School Grid, by 9.30am each day.

Week commencing	Children in Reception and Years 1-3	Children in Years 4-6
8 th March	Hot or cold school dinners	Cold school dinners
15 th March	Cold school dinners	Hot or cold school dinners
22 nd March	Hot or cold school dinners	Cold school dinners

Snacks - Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to be provided with fruit as a mid-morning snack. Unfortunately we still unable to reopen Mrs Norwood's Breaktime Snack Shop for Key Stage 2 children, so children in Years 3-6 are able to bring a piece of fresh fruit to school to eat mid-morning.

Homework – Homework will restart formally after the Easter holidays. For the next three weeks class teachers may set things on Google Classroom for the children to do if they wish.

Resources - Please find below links to resources and support to help prepare your child returning to school, should you feel this would be useful:

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/childrens-mental-health/back-to-school-coronavirus-covid-19/#custom-2column-share-shelf>

<https://www.annafreud.org/on-my-mind/>



Loan Laptops

If we loaned you a school laptop during school closure, please return it to the school office on Monday 8th March. Please do not send your child into school with the laptop. Thank you.

'Ten books in a term' Reading Challenge for KS2 children

On Monday our Key Stage 2 teachers will be launching our annual 'Ten Books in a Term' challenge for all children in Year 3-6. Children are challenged to read as many of the ten book titles selected for their year group, between 8th March and the end of the summer term. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience texts that they might not usually choose to read. Please encourage and support your child in reading these books - they may read each book themselves or they could read the book with an adult. Once a book has been read, a short review will be completed which other children will then be able to look at in the class.



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