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## Pebworth First School

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Dear parents and carers,

As you are aware, our school will fully re-open to all pupils from **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. It is the Government's expectation that **all** pupils should attend school from this date unless there is a reason such as a medical condition in which they are recommended to shield still. I thought it would be helpful to run through a few key pieces of information for you in this letter. I will then be doing **all** the welfare calls this week so that if you do have any questions, you can ask me directly. Due to the number of children we have in school, plus the number of siblings we have in both of our classes, we will be returning as **one bubble**. The children will be separately taught for all of their lessons, but will have shared playtimes and lunchtimes (seating for lunch will strictly be within their class groups).

### **Uniform:**

As I have previously mentioned on Class Dojo, children will not be expected to wear uniform from next Monday. I realise that many children will have grown out of various bits of their uniform and with the age of our children, I hope it will ease the transition back in to school. Full uniform will be expected for every child upon our return from the Easter holidays on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April**.

### **Dates:**

On **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March**, we have booked in a Professional Development Day. This will go ahead as planned and we will be closed to all pupils on this day, even those of critical workers and vulnerable children.

We will break up for Easter on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April** and return to school on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April**.

### **Curriculum:**

Every child's experience of this lockdown has been different and as a staff, we are aware each child will be at different stages of their learning. For the first week back, we will be doing informal assessments (**NOT** tests) on where each child is and we will put together an individual plan of where each child needs to progress to in English and Maths. These targets will then be used to help plan activities and give us assessment points to look out for when marking. The children will broadly be doing the same learning objective as their peers within lessons, but activities may be differentiated to suit an individual's needs. **Please could you ensure any work completed at home during lockdown is brought in to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March as this will help us assess where your child is.**

### **Students' mental health:**

There is no doubt that a lot of children (and some adults!) have found this lockdown very hard. Young people are resilient- they have amazing abilities to bounce back- and just being in school, with its routines, clear expectations and friendship support will be a huge tonic for most of our students.

Pastoral care is a definite strength at Pebworth and we have support mechanisms that can swing in to action quickly if necessary, but the priority for staff is going to be finding out where students are educationally, physically and emotionally and then doing what we do best- move them on!

During lockdown, we have had extended playtimes outside as not only is this better for the children to mix as it is an open space, but it also allows the children to be children and still engage socially with their friends. This will continue until at least Easter as I believe it will be beneficial to those returning to school as it will help strengthen those friendships once more as well as their mental health and wellbeing.

### **Daily timetable:**

8.45-9am- Children are allowed to come in to school.

9-9.15am- A relaxed morning activity such as handwriting/ number games/ spelling practise etc to be completed.

9.15-10.15am- English lesson following our Talk 4 Writing framework we have been using recently.

10.15-11am- Snack and Playtime- outside, weather permitting!

11-12am- Maths

12-1.30pm- Lunch and outdoor play- weather permitting!

1.30-3pm- Afternoon lessons, following our topics of Beast Creator for Sapphire Class and Magnificent Monarchs for Ruby Class.

### **Covid-19 Risk Assessment:**

Following Government guidelines, please make sure you read the following carefully:

1. If your child or anyone in your household bubble has any symptoms of Covid-19, then your household should self-isolate for 10 days, unless you get a negative result back before then.
2. The one way system in and out of school in the morning and afternoon will be back in place. Ruby Class can be dropped off at the front entrance and Sapphire Class can be dropped off at the far end of the playground. This is where you will collect your children at the end of the day.
3. Please ensure you are wearing a suitable face covering whilst on school property (unless you are medically exempt) and try to maintain a 2 metre distance from anyone not in your household bubble.
4. Children will be expected to wash their hands upon arrival, before and after playtimes and lunchtimes as well as before they leave at the end of the day.
5. No-one is able to enter the school building except staff, children and essential workers to complete maintenance of the building. If you need to talk to a specific member of staff, then please contact Mrs Tanner in the office and she will arrange a suitable time for you to be contacted.
6. We will continue to have windows and doors open for good ventilation, so please ensure your child has suitable layers of clothing.



**Lunches:**

Upon our return next week, we will be back with our usual provider AiP for school lunches. Please make sure you have booked food for your child/ children by the Wednesday before each week. Payments and ordering information can all be found on the Parentpay website as you were doing before Lockdown started. If you have any queries about this then please contact Mrs Tanner.

**What to bring to School:**

1. PE Kit- this will stay in school until the end of term where it will be sent home to be washed.
2. Water bottle
3. Book bag to carry home reading books
4. Coat- we will aim to go outside for playtimes even if it is light rain.
5. Waterproofs and wellies- Ideally these to be left at school as we would like to use the field area as much as possible as it is the largest outdoor space we have. We do have some waterproofs in school the children can borrow, but they will need wellies/ change of shoes that are ok to get very muddy!
6. Anything else appropriate to the weather conditions on the day e.g. hat, gloves. Scarf etc.
7. Home learning books on the first day back.
8. Packed lunch (if needed) and a snack- we have found that with longer playtimes, the children are generally more hungry, so all children should bring in a snack- for KS1 fruit is supplied free of charge as normal for them.

**Please do not bring any toys/ anything else in to school. We want to limit the items coming from home as this reduces the risk of transmission.**

I think this covers the main points, however, if you do have any questions, please feel free to call the office, email me ([sbudrey@pebworthfirst.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:sbudrey@pebworthfirst.worcs.sch.uk)) or send me a message on Class Dojo.

All that is left for me to say is stay safe and happy and that we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March!

Kindest regards,



Mrs Budrey

