

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents and Families,

I am pleased to confirm, as I am sure you are aware, that the Government have announced that all children will return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. We are very much looking forward to seeing all of our children once again.

All classes across Duchy of Lancaster, The Norman and Weeting will be fully open, including the Pre-School and Breakfast Club at The Norman.

If you use external wraparound providers, the guidance advises that it is ideal for parents to check the protective measures that are in place, which will support those we have in place during the school day to reduce transmission of COVID in the community. Additional guidance is available here: [Guidance for parents and carers of children attending out-of-school settings during the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) outbreak - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak)

From the 8<sup>th</sup> March we will be following very similar measures to those in place during the Autumn term. They will include the following actions:

- All pupils will be expected to return to school and will remain in class bubbles with their new classes to reduce contact with other children. There will be 4 class bubbles in total (Reception, Y1-2, Y3-4, Y5-6).
- Regular handwashing will take place on arrival, after playtimes, before lunch, after PE, after going to toilet.
- Pupils will be entering and exiting school via outside classroom doors. Although times of the school day will return to normal, we will continue with a 'soft start' to the school day with children coming straight into classes once the gates are open (around 10 minutes before the start of the school day).
- Staggered break and lunchtimes, and playground will be zoned into two areas for two bubbles at a time.
- Soft start at the end of break and lunch- no lining up.
- There will be class assemblies only instead of whole school Collective Worship.
- Toilets to be used by one pupil at a time, and queuing to be at a suitable distance. Toilets will be used throughout the day, rather than mainly at break times.
- Parents & visitors must wear a mask at all times while on the school premises. Parents are reminded to adhere to social distancing rules at all times.

Expectations for school uniform will return to normal, and all items should be named please. Our uniform policy is as follows:

- Sweatshirt (Duchy- blue, Norman- red, Weeting- green)
- White polo shirt
- Grey school trousers or skirt

*'A cord of three strands is not easily broken'* Ecclesiastes 4:12



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- Black shoes
- PE Kit (in named bag): plain white or school logo t-shirt, black shorts, trainers or plimsolls
- Long hair to be tied back please,

For safeguarding reasons, we ask that if your child is expected to attend school on a particular day, and will not be attending, please phone and leave a message. You should please state your child's name, class and the reason for their absence.

As a reminder, if your child has been off school, or sent home, with a temperature or new, continuous cough, please arrange for them to be tested for COVID 19 before they return to school or children are asked to stay at home for 10 days since the beginning of their symptoms, or 14 days since the beginning of symptoms for people in their household. Please inform the offices of any test results, and planned return dates. Absences due to pupils who are isolating will not affect their attendance record.

I would like to sincerely thank you all for your support for our schools and for your children's learning during this challenging time. We look forward to welcoming you all back in a week's time.

Yours sincerely

Mr Owen Rhodes  
Executive Head Teacher

### **Term Dates 2020/2021**

Staff INSET days – 3rd/4th September 2020, 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020, 26<sup>th</sup> March

#### **Spring term**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Half-term holiday: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – *Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021*

Easter holiday: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021

#### **Summer term**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020 (Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May is a Bank Holiday)

Half-term holiday: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

Summer holiday: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021