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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Reopening – Monday 8th March 2021

Following yesterday's government announcement I am writing to confirm that we are looking forward to welcoming all of our pupils back to school from Monday 8th March 2021.

As in the Autumn Term, we will continue to work within Government guidance, implementing thorough health and hygiene controls and continuing to operate within three bubbles:

- Lower Phase Bubble (YR/ Y1/ Y2),
- Oak Class Bubble (Y3/4)
- Elm Class Bubble (Y5/6).

The children will remain within these bubbles during the day to reduce the number of contacts.

Drop Off/ Collection Arrangements

We will continue to have staggered start and collection times to minimise the number of people on the playground. The doors will open to all children at 8:45am and will remain open until 8:55am. The playground is often quieter towards the end of this drop off time so please do keep this in mind when dropping your child off. We would also encourage the older children to say goodbye at the gate and enter school on their own.

The children in Acorn and Elm will come out of school at 3:15pm with the children in Maple and Oak coming out at 3:20pm. Please could we remind you not to come onto the playground until it is time for your child to be collected and to leave the playground promptly to minimise congestion.

Lunch

Lunch arrangements will continue as usual. A full Dolce menu will be available with hot and cold choices. Menu choices must be pre-ordered through School Grid as usual. Meals will be eaten at staggered times in the school hall to allow for cleaning and social distancing to take place as we did in the Autumn Term.

Curriculum

Staff will be mindful that children have had different experiences during the period of school closure and will begin by focussing upon wellbeing and re-establishing routines. We will be teaching a full, broad and balanced curriculum linked to our planned topics. In Years 1 and 2 this will be Handa's Surprise, in Years 3 and 4 it will be Run Wild and The Highwayman for Years 5 and 6.

After School Clubs

After school clubs run by Youth Dreams Project will be reinstated. Bookings can now be made through Kids Club HQ (<https://folksworthcofe.kidsclubhq.co.uk/cust#/auth>) for the remainder of the term. Clubs will start from Monday 8th March.

Early Birds/ Stay and Play

Our Early Birds/ Stay and Play provision will resume Monday 8th March and bookings can now be made through Kids Club HQ (<https://folksworthcofe.kidsclubhq.co.uk/cust#/auth>).

Attendance Expectations

If your child is healthy and well they will be expected to attend school full time. If your child is going to be absent, the school office should be contacted by 9:30am to inform us of the reason for their absence. If your child, or a member of your household, is showing Covid-19 related symptoms please notify the school and engage in the Test, Track and Trace process. Please do not send your child to school if they are displaying even the mildest symptoms linked to Covid-19 or you are awaiting test results.

Uniform

Full uniform should be worn by the children at all times. Children will need to come to school wearing their PE kit on PE days. As this is replacing their school uniform we do expect that our school PE kit, as set out on the school website, is worn.

Class	Acorn	Maple	Oak	Elm
PE Day	Thursday	Tuesday	Monday	Wednesday

Finally

We recognise that some children and families will be anxious about returning to school. Please be assured that our staff will be working hard to make their school experience as normal as possible whilst supporting the children in settling back into routine and making sure they follow the enhanced health and safety procedures and protocols to keep them as safe as possible.

If you have any further questions please do call school or email over the next few days. If there is anything specific about your child's circumstances that you feel we should know prior to their return please do share this with your child's class teacher during parents' consultation calls.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have given us during this time. We have all really missed the children and are grateful for your commitment and engagement in our remote learning offer during this time.

Yours sincerely,

Michelle Norbury
Headteacher