

The Mead Infant and Nursery School

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Reopening to the whole school

Dear Parents and Carers,

So, to the next chapter...

We know that for some of you the return to school for the children will fill you with a mix of emotions for those of you feeling anxious please be assured that we are completing rigorous risk assessments to ensure that the school can be as safe possible. To enable this to happen and ensure that staff and children are safe we ask that you follow our rules and the directives set out by the Government.

Attendance

From 8 March, school attendance will be mandatory and our usual rules on attendance will apply. As a reminder, your child should **self-isolate** and **not come to school** if they:

- Have coronavirus symptoms or have tested positive
- Live with someone who has symptoms or have tested positive
- Are a close contact of someone who has tested positive

Classes

To reduce the contact for children and staff classes will remain as 'Bubbles' with the exception of Early Years that will create two year group 'Bubbles' in their outside classrooms. Children will continue to have staggered playtimes and time spent in corridors will be minimised. Classrooms will be well ventilated so please ensure that your child is dressed warmly.

Drop off and Pick Up

We will continue to operate a staggered start and finish as we did before and times have remained the same.

Staggered start and finishes					
EYFS			KS1		
8.40	2.40	Emperor 30 hr	8.40	2.30	Badgers
8.50	11.50	Rockhoppers Am	8.50	2.40	Hedgehogs
9	2.50	Jellyfish	9	2.50	Squirrels
9.10	3	Starfish	9.10	3	Bears
9.20	3.10	Turtles	9.20	3.10	Monkeys
			9.30	3.20	Leopards



All adults will be required to wear a mask on the school site unless they are exempt and we ask that only one adult to drop off at any one time. Our one way systems will continue to be used and we ask that all children stay with their adult whilst waiting to enter the school building. Please do not congregate around the school entrances before or after school.

Some parents who have a **very** long gap between sibling drop off times have been given permission to drop off at 8.50am. **We request that you only use this as an option as a last resort.** The fact that it is an inconvenience is not a valid reason. If you are able to manage the drop offs at the allocated time please do. We need to reduce the number of adults dropping off at the same time as much as we possibly can.

Staff will be wearing both a face mask and visor during drop off and pick up. We must minimise the length of contact with you and therefore only essential conversations must take place. If you are able to email the teacher instead please do so.

Uniform and Equipment

Book Bags may be brought into school although we ask that trinkets and keyrings are left at home. Books will be changed twice a week and quarantined after being returned. Staff will begin to hear children read from the 15th March.

We ask that all children wear their school uniform, although trainers may be worn due to increased time outside. Tracksuit bottoms should be worn on PE days to reduce the need for changing in the school.

Lunchtime

We will continue to offer a hot school lunch for Reception to Year 2 in their classrooms to reduce the mixing of 'Bubbles'. Children in Nursery that attend for 30 hours will continue to eat their packed lunch in their classroom

Wellbeing

During the first 2 weeks of the reopening to the whole school we have planned a well-being project providing time for children to reflect on their experiences and learn how to be part of their class and the school again.

If you have any concerns about your child's return to school or you think they may need extra support when they return please email their class teacher or speak to the teacher during your Zoom meeting this week.

You may find these links helpful

<https://www.annafreud.org/media/11608/7waysanxiety.pdf>

<https://www.annafreud.org/media/11632/early-years-pcs.pdf>

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<https://mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/media/2219/rebuild-and-recover-separation-anxiety-tips-and-guidance.pdf>

Below is a link to a story that you may find useful in supporting your child in their return to school.

<https://www.elsa-support.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Back-to-school-March-1.pdf>

Lastly, we would like to thank all parents for the amazing job you have been doing over the last few months we know for every family their will have been highs and lows and just like Tigger you have all had to be resilient and get through it. We would also like to thank the amazing team of staff at The Mead it has truly been a team effort and together they have worked hard to ensure that your children have been able to continue with their learning at home or at school.

We will continue to keep in touch if we update our plans or if we need to make changes due to new government guidance.

Warm regards,

Mrs Bedford

