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Dear Parents/Carers,

March Reopening Information for Parents

We hope that you and your family are well and healthy. **We are looking forward to welcoming back all pupils on Monday 8th March 2021** and we have been following Government guidance on how to manage the risk of a full return effectively. We will continue to operate the school as it was running in the Autumn Term, this includes the staggered entry and exit times and points (see additional information below). All staff will be wearing face masks as they were before and now have access to lateral flow tests to regularly test themselves for COVID-19.

The safety of our children and staff is our priority at all times. We have revisited and updated our Covid-19 risk assessment which is available to view on the school's website, please use the following link: <https://www.standrews.northants.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/COVID-19-RISK-ASSESSMENT-V11-08.03.21.pdf>

It is very important that anyone showing the symptoms (new continuous cough, loss of taste/smell and/or a high temperature) does not come to school/ work, obtains a test, and follows the relevant government protocols at home and before coming back, **this will last at least 10 days from the day after displaying symptoms or receiving a positive test.** Anyone living in a household where someone is showing symptoms should stay at home for **10 days following the day of the onset of symptoms or positive test.** If they then become ill then they must continue to isolate for **10 days from the day after they first showed their own symptoms.** If a positive test of a pupil or staff member is returned, the whole "bubble" and staff members will be asked to self-isolate for 10 days. **If your child has to self-isolate due to a positive case of COVID-19 in your household/ bubble, the school will need to see confirmation of this in order to authorise the absence.** All children self-isolating at home are expected to continue with remote learning and work will be set on Google Classroom.

We appreciate that many parents and children may be anxious about returning to school and we would like to reassure you that we are taking all the measures we can to keep your child/ren as safe as possible. **The Government has stated that school attendance is mandatory again from the 8th March 2021.** The majority of pupils will be able to return to school. The advice for pupils who have been confirmed as clinically extremely vulnerable is to shield and stay at home as much as possible until further notice. You will know if your child is clinically extremely vulnerable as you would have received a letter from the NHS or your GP. If this applies to your child, please contact enquiries@standrewsceva.uk.

It is a requirement that all adults on the school premises wear a face mask, this includes all outside areas. **Adults without a face mask (who have no proof of being exempt) will be asked to leave the premises and wait for their child to be sent to them at the school gate.** Although it is not mandatory for primary school pupils, we recommend that children also wear a face mask in school to safeguard themselves as well as other children and staff.

It is important to remember that whilst the children are all returning to school on 8th March, the country is still in a National Lockdown and everyone MUST follow the Government guidance, including social distancing when dropping off and picking up child/ren.

Entry & Exit points

Please make sure that the school entry/ exit point and times **are strictly adhered to** as these have been carefully planned to limit interaction and maintain social distancing. There are signs on the gates to remind parents of the allocated year groups and times.



Year R- EYFS Entrance

Drop children off at gate 8.45am- 9.00am.
Collect children from this gate at 3.15pm.



Year 1- EYFS Playground Entrance/ Exit.
Drop children off at gate 8.45am- 9.00am.
Collect children from classrooms at 3.20pm.



Year 2 & 3- Field Side Gate Entrance/ Exit
Drop children off at gate 8.45am- 9.00am.
Collect children from classrooms at 3.10pm (**Year 3**) &
3.20pm (**Year 2**).



Year 4 & 6- MUGA Playground Entrance
Drop children off at gate 8.45am- 9.00am.
Collect children from MUGA at 3.10pm (**Year 4**)
& 3.20pm (**Year 6**).



Year 5- Main Entrance/ Office Gate
Drop all children off at gate 8.45am- 9.00am.
Collect children from this gate at 3.20pm.

We are able to continue to provide breakfast and/or after school club for children from the week beginning Monday 8th March. If you already have access to this system and need to make a booking, please use your login details and book as normal. If you have not used this facility before and need to make a booking, please email enquiries@standrewsceva.uk and Mrs Riggins will be in contact with you.

Kingswood Catering will also be continuing to provide hot meals for children in Years R, 1 & 2 (Universal Free School Meals), children eligible for Free School Meals and any other child whose parent(s) pre-orders and pays for a hot meal (Years 3-6). Please log onto the Kingswood website to order your meals before midnight **Wednesday 3rd March 2021**, including those parents of children who receive Universal & Free School meals. Children who have packed lunches should continue to bring these in a disposable bag and we also ask that all children bring a water bottle with them every day due to the water fountains not being in use.

If you have any concerns or questions after reading this information, please contact us through emailing enquiries@standrewsceva.uk, completing the contact form on the school website: www.standrews.northants.sch.uk or by telephoning the school office on 01604 406486.

We thank you for your co-operation and working with us at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of D. L. Thompson and M. Davidson in black ink.

Mrs. D. Thompson/ Miss M. Davidson
Co-Head Teachers