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Dear Parent/Carer 2nd March 2021

Re: Re-opening arrangements - Monday 8th March 2021

I am writing to summarise the key headlines from our re-opening risk assessment for Monday 8th March 2021. The full risk assessment is available on our website. Please note that we are fully reopening in a very similar way to September. We still have to follow a very restrictive risk assessment to ensure our school remains Covid secure. It is therefore essential that everyone follows our risk assessment until further notice to help to keep everyone safe – thank you.

Drop Off Times and Collection Times:

- All children should be brought to the main gate for their allocated time slot.
- The collection box will be with me so you can hand in any letters or money etc.
- Adults MUST wear a face mask whilst on school premises.
- Only one adult to drop off and collect children please to reduce traffic on the yard.
- Adults must follow the existing one-way system which is the same as it was in September.
- When collecting children adults should wait in the allocated zone on the yard.
- Once you have collected your child(ren) they must remain with you on the one-way system.
- Entry and exit will still be through the fire doors on the main yards.

Learning Zone	Drop Off Time	Collection Time
Diamond	8.30am	3.10pm
Emerald	8.40am	3.10pm
Ruby	8.50am	3.10pm
Sapphire	9.00am	3.20pm
Amethyst	9.10am	3.20pm
Opal	9.10am	3.20pm

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Playtime and Lunchtime

- Each Learning Zone will have its own allocated outdoor space which the Teaching Team can use throughout the day when they deem it necessary.
- Initially, children may need additional short breaks during the resettling in period.
- Playtimes and Lunchtimes will be supervised by adults allocated to that bubble.
- Two bubbles will have lunch in the hall at the same time with the hall being sectioned into two halves to keep the bubbles separate.

Time for Lunch in Hall	Outdoor Play	Learning Zone
11.45 – 12.15	12.15 - 12.45	Opal
11.45 – 12.15	12.15 – 12.45	Amethyst
12.15 – 12.45	12.45 – 1.15	Sapphire
12.15 – 12.45	12.45 – 1.15	Ruby
12.45 – 1.15	1.15 – 1.45	Emerald
12.45 – 1.15	1.15 – 1.45	Diamond

Breakfast Club and After School Clubs

- Breakfast Club will continue to run from 8am 9am and costs £3 per child. There is no need to book a place.
- After school clubs are still being offered from 3pm 4.30pm and cost £3 per child. As spaces are limited booking is essential via the school office.

Personal Items

- Children can bring their school bags, PE kits, packed lunch boxes and book bags into school with them.
- They can bring their own pencil cases and equipment.
- Children should NOT bring any toys, games, comforters etc unless this has been agreed as part of a School Support Plan.

Curriculum Coverage

- As detailed in my previous letter, we will be supporting all of our children to settle back into school and until 8th March we don't know how our children will respond to this change.
 Some will thrive and others may be anxious or nervous. Therefore we will NOT be moving directly to a full curriculum timetable for the first few weeks.
- Before the Easter break our Teaching Teams will be assessing all of our children to identify individualised learning plans needed for the Summer term.
- In the first week back we will be delivering sessions which will help the children to understand our new Learning Zones, the super powers and learning objectives they will be working on.
- We are working with the Weardale Outdoor Education Centre to arrange visits for our children and are currently exploring funding and grants to make this happen (please see previous letter for more information).

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Please refer to the full risk assessment if you have any questions or concerns but do not hesitate to contact me if your queries are not answered.

Yours sincerely

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