



25th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted that the Prime Minister has finally given the green light to reopen our school fully from Monday 8th March. We cannot wait to welcome the children back.

We will follow the same procedures as we did in September 2020, continuing with our formal Risk Assessment which will be reviewed fortnightly or as and when needed. A copy of the Risk Assessment can be found on our website under the COVID-19 tab.

Attendance will be mandatory for all children from Monday 8th March 2021. All children are expected to attend school and all rules on school attendance 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.

In line with the latest government guidance, pupils who are **clinically extremely vulnerable should not attend school**. If your child is in this group, they should continue to learn from home until further notice and a copy of their shielding letter sent into school.

For pupils who are self-isolating or shielding please refer to our Remote Learning Plan for information about our provision. A copy of the plan can be found on the school website under the COVID-19 tab/Remote Learning/Introduction.

Below is a list of reminders to refresh yourselves about safety and timings in school:

Times of the Day

School timings will be the same as they were in September (see table below).

Outside Glass Corridor			Small KS2 Playground		
CLASS	Start of Day	End of Day	CLASS	Start of Day	End of Day
Nursery (through glass corridor)	8:45am	11:45/3:15pm	Oak (into mobile)	8:45am	3:10pm
Apple (into glass corridor)	8:50am	3:05pm	Elder (into mobile)	8:50am	3:15pm
Cherry (into glass corridor)	8:55am	3:10pm	Maple (into red wing)	8:55am	3:20pm
Elm (into glass corridor)	9:00am	3:15pm	Birch (into red wing)	9:00am	3:25pm
Reception (Reception door)	9:00am	3:15pm			
Chestnut (through glass corridor to green wing)	9:05am	3:20pm			
Sycamore (through glass corridor to green wing)	9:10am	3:25pm			

To allow Covid secure procedures please remember to:

- Please stick to your pick up and drop off time.
- Only ONE adult per family must drop off and collect. This is so that we reduce the number of people on the school site.
- When entering the school gates please ensure that you social distance between your family bubble and the next family bubble.
- It is important that your children are supervised and remain with you at all times.
- When dropping or collecting your children we ask that parents leave promptly to reduce congestion, do not congregate or wait for others.
- We strongly encourage parents and carers to wear a face covering when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Classes

Wherever possible, children will be kept in their class or year group bubbles with staggered break times and lunchtime as before.

Social distancing must be implemented between adults and year groups therefore we will have no large gatherings bringing different year groups together e.g. assemblies, parent assemblies or school performances.

Hygiene and cleaning routines will continue to be part of everyday practices and will remain a high priority. Hand sanitising and hand washing will continue to remain a focus.

School Uniform

School uniform is required. Uniform should be cleaned with your normal washing products no more regularly than before the start of the coronavirus outbreak. Classrooms will however be well ventilated again so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately.

PE Days

To allow for a more skilful PE lesson without the risk of spreading the virus when getting changed, children should come to school in their PE kit on their designated day. This will also avoid the need for bringing additional clothing into school.

Tuesday	Thursday
Acorn - Miss Morton	Elm Class – Miss Hathaway
Apple Class – Miss Tullett	Elder Class – Mr Stevens
Cherry Class – Mrs Mullen	Birch Class – Mrs Chapman
Chestnut Class – Mrs Bishop	
Sycamore Class – Mr Budge	
Maple Class – Mrs Taylor/Miss Lemm	
Oak Class – Mrs Miles/Mrs Cadman	

Communication

Our usual lines of communication will be still be available either via the MyEd app, email: office@chadsmead.staffs.sch.uk or via telephone 01543 421850. **Please note the lockdown class emails will be closed from Monday 8th March 2021.**

Lockdown has been a challenging period for all of us, and we'd like to thank you for your continuing support during this difficult and uncertain time. If you or your child have any concerns about returning to school, or if you think your child might need extra support when they return, please get in touch with the school office.

We look forward to welcoming all children back into school and thank you again for all your help and support through this challenging time.



Mrs Grainger

Headteacher