

1st March 2021

Dear parents/carers,

As you are likely aware, the government has announced that schools will reopen to all pupils on **Monday 8th March**. We are very much looking forward to welcoming back more of our pupils to face-to-face education then.

Attendance

From Monday 8th March, school attendance will be expected for all 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

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 at least Easter when this will be reviewed. Can you provide school with the shielding letter for our records.

For pupils who are self-isolating or shielding we will provide remote learning as we have in the Autumn term. This will support your child when they return to school so they are not behind with the rest of the class.

Our safety measures

Rest assured that we are doing everything we can to make sure our pupils can return to school safely. We will be taking the following protective measures to keep everyone safe:

Our risk assessment has been updated and is on the school web site along with the Primary restart plan.

Drop off and collection

We will adopt a staggered start for year groups to spread the traffic into and out of school. A reminder that gathering at the school gate and otherwise coming onto the site without an appointment is not allowed. Can we ask that all adults wear a face covering when they come onto site.

Year group	Drop off time	Collection
Reception, Year 1 & 2	8.30-8.40am	3.05pm
Year 3 & 4	8.40-8.50am	3.15pm
Years 5 & 6	8:50 – 9:00am	3.25pm

Older siblings of younger children dropped off in the hall. KS2 support staff to supervise from 8:30am.

We will keep children in class bubbles and have the same routines around school as we had prior to Christmas. We hope as we move to the summer we will be able to relax these but will only do this when it is safe for staff and children.



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Children should come in school uniform ready for the school day as they have previously.

Lockdown has been a challenging period for all of us, and we would 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 us by phone, dojo or to admin@bemrose.derby.sch.uk

We would also like to thank you for all your support in helping your child learn from home. We will continue to keep in touch if we update our plans or if we need to make changes due to new government guidance.

Yours sincerely,

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