



3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Arrangements for March 8<sup>th</sup> Return to School**

We are getting excited about the return to school next week for all children. Lots of preparations are underway to help keep us all safe and happy and we will hopefully be returning to some sort of normality. Sports coaching and peripatetic music lessons will all recommence in school and we will have parent consultations in place for the first two weeks after the Easter holiday (weeks beginning 12<sup>th</sup> April and 19<sup>th</sup> April.) We will send out Microsoft Teams invites for this. Sadly, we cannot yet organise school trips and this will be under review by the government at Easter.

When children return to school next week they will be going back to their normal classes and classrooms that they were in from September. We do have a number of teachers and associate staff who have been directed to shield and so not all staff will be the usual classroom staff. Any cover staff we use will be from our usual pool of outstanding supply staff and will be known to the children.

### **Staggered times and drop off/collection procedure**

#### **Monday - Friday**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Entrance arrival time</b>	<b>Exit Pick up time</b>
<b>Rowan and Sycamore</b>	8:55 (parents to line up on bottom playground with children)	3:15 (parents to line up on bottom playground and wait for children)
<b>Holly, Pine and Willow</b>	8:40 (parents to line up on bottom playground with children)	3:00 (parents to line up on bottom playground and wait for children with children)
<b>Beech, Silver Birch, Hawthorn</b>	8:45 (parents to leave children at gates and children to enter Silver Birch class directly through outside classroom doors. Beech and Hawthorn to enter via door near Star room / school kitchen).	3:05 (parents to line up on top playground and wait for children)
<b>Maple, Oak, Horse chestnut</b>	8:50 (parents to leave children at gates and children enter class directly through outside classroom doors)	3:10 (parents to line up on top playground and wait for children)

We appreciate that change for some of our children can be most unsettling so please discuss any concerns you have directly with your child's class teacher in order that we can support your children.

Unfortunately, teaching staff will not be available for discussion in the mornings on the playground as they need to focus on getting children in to school. Please continue to use the class emails for any other communications. Alternatively give our admin team a call or speak with me on the playground.

If you have siblings in different phases please send the eldest child/ren directly to their classroom using the outdoor classroom door if children are in key stage 2 and via the admin reception door if children are in key

stage one or in Beech or Hawthorn class. Please line up with the youngest sibling on the allocated lines. Try to avoid lining up with siblings mixing bubbles as much as possible.

There is no perfect solution to getting 312 children and their adults safely on and off the school site and I realise that leaving children at the gate will seem a bit different but it is the best way to minimise the number of people mixing on site. As most of our parents and staff have not yet been vaccinated because of the roll out programme, we must be as strict as we can be about mitigating the risks of transmitting the virus. The most important thing is to get school open and to keep it open and if that means we have to make some temporary changes to our routines then we should do that with confidence that it will support us keeping safe and healthy. We ask that we all keep our guard up re Covid-19 and all do our bit in this last stage of beating the virus. This means not mixing bubbles with the exception of your support bubbles, continuing to follow government guidance and good hygiene practices. In school government guidance is clear about not allowing parents and carers to congregate to socialise on school grounds or at the school gates. Please be mindful of this guidance.

### **Wrap Around Care**

We regret that we have not been able to secure wrap around care as yet and are still working hard to have this in place for after the Easter break. Due to the staff limitations, we cannot now offer this service in house but will look to remedy this as soon as possible. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

### **School behaviour expectations**

Please remind the children of our high expectations re behaviour. It is of vital importance that children remain in their class bubbles and do not leaving their bubbles unless they have permission. We will continue to use bespoke plans for all our children who may need extra support and we will be offering a broad and balanced curriculum as ever. Any wilful disregard of Covid regulations that potentially adds risk to our school community will not be tolerated.

### **Parental Information**

Our school is a place of safety and learning and here at Hookstone, we always use kind words and actions. Any poor parental conduct on the school site will likely result in a school site ban.

Please do not use your phone on our school site at all. Most phones are recording devices and so we do not want to see them being used where our children are.

Use of the school car park is strictly for blue badge holders only. All children alighting from cars in the playground should be escorted to the gate (preferably holding hands). The speed limit is 5mph and please be extra careful when reversing.

What I can tell you is that the children are excited to come back to school and see their staff and friends. Although some may be a bit anxious, we have planned lots of activities to help them settle in and feel reassured about being back. I appreciate the efforts you all continue to make as families and am delighted to hear how well our remote learning package has been received. Well done everyone! You have been amazing! We are almost there and if we keep our wits about us and stick with the government guidance, we should be able to look forward to a super Summer.

Kind regards,



Miss Watson  
Headteacher