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Full Re-opening of School - Monday 8th March 2021

Dear parents and carers

Further to the letter dated 24th February, we are now in a position to provide you with further information regarding the arrangements for returning to school on Monday 8th March. Full risk assessments have now been shared with and approved by trustees, local governors and staff and we are confident that the arrangements below will enable us to re-open fully from March 8th. These arrangements will be reviewed weekly and may be altered in accordance with the governmental guidelines as they emerge and we progress through the 'roadmap'. We will let you know as soon as this is the case via our regular email communication route.

Drop off and Collection

We will be returning to the same (as in Autumn term) staggered drop off and collection timings for all year groups, except for Year 5 pupils. At the bottom of this letter, you will find a reminder of those times. It is very important that you adhere to these timings to keep our sites congestion free. If your child arrives later than their allocated drop off time, they will receive a late mark in the register. Registers close at the end of your given drop off time. Pupils are not able to enter the classrooms prior to their allocated drop off time, as the adults are not available to supervise them.

We are aware that this system does involve complex arrangements for some of our families. We have thoroughly investigated all alternatives and have found that this system is the most effective and also impacts upon the lowest number of our families with siblings across both sites or more than one class. We will be continually reviewing this in line with latest guidance.

Uniform

All pupils should return to school in full uniform. Our junior school pupils should be in the winter uniform until Easter. If you are unsure about any aspect of our uniform, please visit the school website for guidance.

Physical Education (PE)

Pupils will participate in PE outdoors wherever possible. Contact sport will be limited and all equipment will be cleaned after use. Please make sure that your child comes into school dressed in their PE kit on their allocated PE days. This will limit the amount of kit in school. Please use trainers rather than plimsolls. Please check your year group page if you are unsure about PE days. We kindly ask that you ensure that your child has the correct PE kit, as outlined in the uniform list on the school website. Please remember that your child will remain in this kit throughout the day. For this reason, whilst the weather remains cold, we ask that they wear Black tracksuit bottoms, their PE T shirt

and their school sweatshirt or cardigan. SJS pupils may wear black sweatshirts with the black tracksuit if desired, but they must have their 'house' t shirt underneath.

School Lunches

Solent Infant School lunches should be ordered in advance via the 'School Life' tab on the school website. Please make sure that all meals are ordered prior to the Saturday evening for the following week. So, for the week beginning Monday 8th March, all meals should be ordered prior to the evening of Saturday 6th March.

Solent Junior School lunches must be ordered either online using the 'School Life' tab on the website or by the child when they arrive in class for the day. Payment should be made using your normal SIMs Pay account. Again, if ordering online, this must be done prior to the Saturday evening for the following week.

Entrance and Exit

We will continue to operate a one-way system on both school sites. Please make sure that you do not congregate on the school site, or on Eveleigh / Solent Road, once you have dropped off or collected your child. School staff are not able to talk to parents and carers face to face and so we kindly ask that all communication is made via phone or email to the school office.

Whilst on site, all parents and carers must remain socially distanced at all times. Children, including siblings of those at school, must remain with their adults who must not leave them to play or mix with any other adults or children.

Solent Infant School entrance is via the left-hand side of the driveway and exit is via the tunnel. All those with pushchairs or wheelchairs should exit around the orchard and back down the driveway. Pupils will enter school via their normal year group door.

Solent Junior School entrance is via the car park. Year 3, 4C and 4P will then turn right, through the five-bar gate and exit via the arched doorway. The rest of the school will continue from the car park entrance, around the southern side of the playground and out via the new gate on the Western side of the school site (next to the new office entrance). All pupils will enter and exit their classrooms via the external classroom doors.

Visitors to Site

We are continuing to discourage all but essential visitors to the school site, especially within the building itself. For this reason, both school offices remain closed to parents and carers. All communication must be made via phone or email to the main school office and they will re-direct your message as required. We thank you in advance for your ongoing patience and kind understanding with this. The adults on the entrance each morning will be able to take any messages or medicine. A little like a mini school office!

Pupil Groups

From Monday 8th March, all pupils will be back in their own classrooms alongside their class peers and adults. We will continue to operate class 'bubble' where contact will remain limited between groups. Children will be taught by consistent adults wherever possible and will not be able to move freely around the school, other than to visit the toilet.

We will be continuing with our specialist music and sport provision at both schools inviting our specialist teachers in to work with pupils. As they will be moving between our bubbles, they will remain socially distanced from pupils and class adults at all times and will not touch shared equipment.

We will also be continuing to provide essential pastoral support for pupils. If your child requires support from a pastoral lead they may attend small pastoral groups with other children from their year group bubble. These will be held in discrete, well-ventilated rooms, away from their class bubble. The adults will socially distance from the pupils and clean the equipment and space between groups.

We will not be holding any large group activities, such as assemblies, until further notice. Pupils will continue to attend virtual assemblies delivered by senior leaders using Microsoft Teams and streamed directly to their class bubbles.

Cleaning

Enhanced hygiene and cleaning schedules will continue. 'Catch It, Bin It, Kill It' continues to be our approach with the pupils. We have lidded bins in all rooms. Regular handwashing opportunities are built into every pupil's daily timetable. All bubbles at Solent Infant School have their own handwashing stations and additional external handwashing facilities have been installed at Solent Junior School. Our team of school cleaners led by our site manager are on site daily after school, ensuring a full cleaning schedule is adhered to. Each bubble has stocks of antibacterial wipes, paper towels and antibacterial spray to allow for resources and tables to be wiped down by staff throughout the day, whenever they feel appropriate.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

Farlington Wraparound Service (FWAS) have liaised closely with us over the past month regarding our use of bubbles during the school day. They are very keen to support us in keeping these bubbles as discrete as possible. As such, their provision will be operating a bubble system, using separate rooms, resources and provision. These are rooms that the school are not using during the day for other year groups and will help to ensure that our bubbles remain intact. Please contact FWAS directly with all enquiries relating to their provision.

We realise that there is a lot of information contained within this letter. You will notice that we have tried to keep any changes to a minimum to support you and your child in your safe return to school. Your continued support and kind understanding is very much appreciated.

We are all very much looking forward to welcoming you and your child back into school on Monday. We have a very busy Spring and Summer term full of exciting learning to look forward to!

Yours sincerely



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Drop off and collection times

Year Group / Class	Drop off time	Collection time
Solent Infant School		
Group 1 Rec DE, 1C & 2PS	8.40am – 8.50am	2.55pm – 3.05pm
Group 2 Rec H, 1M & 2R	8.50am – 9.00am	3.05pm – 3.15pm
Group 3 Rec G, 1MA & 2L	9.00am – 9.10am	3.15pm – 3.25pm
Solent Junior School		
Years 3 & 6	8.30am – 8.40am	2.50pm – 3.00pm
Years 4 & 5	8.40am – 8.50am	3.00pm – 3.10pm