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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to fully opening over the course of next week. We are all very excited about the children returning to school. I know that children who have been learning on-site are very much looking forward to seeing their classmates and friends again.

In preparation for the return, we have been revising our reopening strategy and updating our risk assessment. We are pleased that the vast majority of our remote learners have successfully engaged since January. Subsequently, any future bubble closures, or COVID-19 related absences, that result in children learning remotely will have a smoother transition between home and school learning. Should we close any bubbles in the future, families will be directed to our home learning platform. As you know, your child will need access to a device and where possible we hope to be able to provide one when needed.

I am very proud of the Deptford Park staff team. They have, again, moved mountains to make sure that the children's needs are put first. They have worked tirelessly to support remote learning.

The following outlines the information you need to know about the return to school next week:

**School Return Plan: Please see last page of this letter.**

#### Monday 8th March

Current Nursery children, Reception, Y1, Y3 and Y6 return from this day onward.

#### Wednesday 10th March

Y2, Y4, Y5 and new Nursery children return from this day onward.

#### Communicating with the class teacher

Parents will not be able to speak to the class teacher after school or in the morning. Instead, parents will be able to email the class teacher using the new class email address. [classname@deptfordpark.org](mailto:classname@deptfordpark.org). For example, if your child is in Emerald class the email address would be: [emerald@deptfordpark.org](mailto:emerald@deptfordpark.org). Teachers will try to respond within 48 hours. More urgent requests should go to the office via an email to [info@deptfordpark.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@deptfordpark.lewisham.sch.uk) or phone call.

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## Children carrying items into school

We do not want children bringing items into school and then allowing other children to touch those items.

Pencil cases are not allowed in school - children will be allocated stationery.

Homework will continue to be delivered via Google classroom - minimising items going back and forth from home.

## Breakfast and after school clubs

These will be open when your child returns to school. Breakfast club children must arrive by 8.15am.

## Clubs

There will be no clubs for the remainder of this term. This will be reviewed before the Easter break.

## Attendance

From next week all children are obliged to regularly attend school in full school uniform. Absenteeism will be monitored and parents will be asked to explain every absence period.

## Symptomatic children

If any child or staff member displays symptoms and is tested positive, the child/staff member will need to self-isolate for 10 days following national guidance and local guidance. All children and staff belonging to the bubble will also need to self-isolate for 10 days.

## Returning from abroad

If you are returning from abroad, in order not to present a risk to the school community, you must provide us with evidence that your child has isolated for the required period of time. To ascertain this, we will need to see evidence of your booking/travel details, i.e. tickets, emails, receipts, etc. There are new rules if you arrive in England on or after 15 February. They're different depending on if you have been in a country on the banned travel list (sometimes called the 'red list') in the last 10 days. If you've been to a red list country, you must quarantine in a hotel for 10 days. If you have not been to a red list country, you need to quarantine somewhere else for 10 days.

## Returning loaned school devices

School devices will need to be returned over the week beginning the 15<sup>th</sup> March.

**Y6** on Mon 15, **Y5** on Tues 16, **Y4** on Weds 17, **Y3** on Thu 18 and all **KS1** devices on Fri 19. They will be collected at the entrance your child comes to school through.

The following table highlights school starting and finishing times, as well as locations for picking up and dropping off. Each bubble is staggered:

	<b>Start time</b>	<b>Break time</b>	<b>Lunch time</b>	<b>End time</b>
<b>EYFS</b>	9am (Nursery) 8:55am Enter via the Nursery/Reception Gate	N/A	11:45am – 12:30pm 11:45am eat lunch (Dance Studio) Play on the Back Field	12pm (Nursery) 3:20pm Exit via the Nursery/Reception Gate
<b>Year 2</b>	8:30am Enter via the Main Gate	10:15am-10:30am KS1 Playground (B)	12pm-12:45pm 12pm eat lunch (Infant Hall) Play in Infant Playground	3pm Exit via the Main Gate
<b>Year 6</b>	8:30am Enter via the Football Cage Gate	10:00am-10:20am Football Cage	12pm-12:45pm 12pm eat lunch (Junior Hall) Play in KS2 Playground (B)	3pm Exit via the Football Cage Gate
<b>Year 1</b>	8:45am Enter via the Main Gate	10:15am-10:30am KS1 Playground (A)	12:30pm-1:15pm 12:30pm eat lunch (Infant Hall) Play in Infant Playground	3:15pm Exit via the Main Gate
<b>Year 5</b>	8:45am Enter via the Football Cage Gate	10:15am-10:35am KS2 Playground (A)	12pm-12:45pm 12:15pm eat lunch (Junior Hall) Play in KS2 Playground (A)	3:15pm Exit via the Football Cage Gate
<b>Year 3</b>	9:00am Enter via the Football Cage Gate	10:40am-11am KS2 Playground (B)	12:45pm-1:30pm 1pm eat lunch (Junior Hall) Play in KS2 Playground (B)	3:30pm Exit via the Football Cage Gate
<b>Year 4</b>	9:00am Enter via the Main Gate	10:55am-11:15am KS2 Playground (A)	12:45pm-1:30pm 1pm eat lunch (Junior Hall) Play in KS2 Playground (A)	3:30pm Exit via the Main Gate

We ask parents to collect and drop off swiftly to avoid congestion. We also strongly encourage you to wear a mask at these times. Late or very early parent arrivals will have a negative knock on effect.

We look forward to welcoming you all back to school next week and remain excitedly optimistic about the weeks and months ahead of us.

Sincerely,



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