

Letter to parents – 23.02.21

At last there appears to be gold at the end of the rainbow! But there is still hard work to be done by us all to ensure that the 'road map' announced last evening is successful. I wanted to let you have some clarification as soon as possible so that you have full understanding of what 8th March means in reality.

School will re-open to all children on Monday 8th March; obviously we have never been closed, we have had over 50 children being supported in school through the lockdown. The return for all children is mandatory; every child is expected to be back in school. The advice for pupils who have been confirmed as clinically extremely vulnerable is to shield and stay at home as until further notice. If you have any concerns, please get in touch as soon as possible.

Life will not immediately return to 'normal', safety and caution will continue to take precedent with clear assessments in place to mitigate risk. We are determined to continue, our already proven good work, in ensuring that everyone is as safe as possible.

Our priority is getting all the children back in to school and ensuring quick and speedy 'catch-up' learning and wellbeing sessions. Please be assured that our remote learning has kept children on track for end of year learning expectations and we will do speedy checks to ensure that this has been the case. I am looking at increasing staffing, offering wellbeing walks and am planning extra opportunities for all the children to get them back to doing what they do best in our school - love their learning.

From 8th March, up the Easter holiday, we will not be offering any 'out of school provision', so no breakfast or after school clubs. This is for two reasons, firstly the need for caution and no mixing of bubbles for those 3 weeks at least, and secondly because we do not currently have the staff available to do this due to screening and illness. We will look to reintroduce this after Easter as long as the conditions at that time allow us to do so. We will inform you prior to the holidays.

Staggered start and finishes will continue to be in place. We have changed the times previously used to ensure a fairness of time in school for all children over the year. Please see the timings below. The same 4 bubbles will be in place: EYFS, Yr1/2, Yr3/4 and Yr5/6, although as much as possible the children will work only in their class groups.

Guidelines for parents will remain the same with masks needing to be worn, social distancing maintained and no access to the school site must again be adhered to from 8th March (if you need to come on to the school site you must ring the school office first).

We are all excited to get the children back in to school, it would even appear that we may be able to all get together in the latter part of the school year with some community activities hopefully possible in July. Perhaps even a Summer Fair – wouldn't that be amazing!

Thanks again for all your support.

Take care

	Drop off time & gate	Pick up time & gate
Unicorns	8.45am Crag Lane gate	3.15pm Crag lane
Dragons/Giants	8.40am Otley Road gate	3.20pm Otley Road gate
Pegasus	8.35am Crag Lane gate	3.25pm Crag Lane gate
Centaur	8.30am Otley Road gate	3.30pm Crag Lane gate
Griffins/Phoenix	8.50am Otley Road gate	3.30pm Otley Road gate