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Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to inform you that Riverside School will be opening up to all pupils from Monday 8th March and we are very much looking forward to welcoming you and all our children back to school. We will continue with the robust and stringent measures that we put in place before Christmas, with a few minor changes:

From the 8th March:

- Interaction between year groups will be reduced to a minimum and pupils will remain in year group pods. We will actively encourage extra hand washing and sanitising, and social distancing where possible
- The school gates will open at 8:30am until 8:50am to allow parents to drop off the children and leave straight away; from Monday 8th March, this 8:30am start time now includes Foundation
- Nursery children can be dropped off from 8:40am
- Children can be collected from their classrooms at the end of the day from 2:50pm until 3:10pm
- Children walking home will be released on the bell at 3:00pm
- Break and lunchtimes will be adjusted and for years 4, 5 and 6 will be later than at the moment so we are encouraging parents to send their child into school with a healthy snack
- Please may I remind all parents that only 1 adult from the household can drop off/pick up at one time, and please leave the playground promptly and do not congregate outside the school gates. Whilst in the playground, please keep 2m from other families and from classroom doors
- Unless medically exempt, adults must wear a face covering when on the school site
- Children choosing a school meal will have a choice of two hot options or a jacket potato from the Salad Bar as per the Autumn/ Winter Menu - of course though, children can bring a packed lunch
- Pupils will continue to wear their school uniform to school each day
- Book bags will be used and books will be allowed to be changed and taken home to be read
- PE kits will be needed by years 1 to 6 and can remain in school until Easter
- Food from home such as birthday cakes to share will I'm afraid not be allowed in this term
- Parents access into school will be reduced, so please phone the school to make an appointment to meet the class teacher or meet our parent support advisor
- No clubs will be running for the rest of the term; the after school Catch-Up sessions will hopefully re-start in the Summer term
- Breakfast and after school club will run from 8:00am until 5:00pm but spaces will be limited and will be allocated to key workers first
- No whole school assemblies will take place this term
- Most doors and windows will be open in school – please feel free to send in an extra layer (with the name on) to keep them warm

- If any child develops symptoms in school, they (and any siblings) will be sent home – please ensure schools has up to date contact details for you

Please can I remind all parents that their child should wash their hands before coming to school and straight away when they return home at the end of the day and **please do not send your child to school if they or any household member have any symptoms of Covid -19 such as a new continuous dry cough, temperature, loss of smell or taste.**

We are confident that these adjustments to normal school procedures will keep us all safe and allow us to get back to doing what we love and educating our pupils to achieve their potential. Should you have any questions about any of the points above please raise them with me directly and I will try to address them.

Because of your support last term, we were very lucky to have avoided any major disruption and I thank you in advance for continuing to support us by following our routines in school and the national Government advice outside of school.

Yours with thanks

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Jones', written in a cursive style.

Brian Jones
Head Teacher
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