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Tuesday 2nd March 2021

Full Re-Opening of Schools

Dear Parents,

I write further to the Prime Minister's announcement last week that all schools will re-open in full on the 8th March. My team and I have been working hard to finalise the details of what this will look like at HTL and I write to outline these to you all now.

HTL will reopen in full to all pupils on 8th March 2021. All children will return to their usual classes from Monday. We will continue to operate in year group sized bubbles as we did before Christmas. It will be necessary to resume our staggered timetable and the timings for each year group can be seen below. While I do understand that everyone faces real challenges at the moment I must ask that every effort is made to keep to the timings as carefully as possible to really help to spread the flow of people in and around the school. As before Christmas, families with more than one child may arrive and drop off all their children at the youngest child's start time and may collect them all at the at the oldest child's end time. I would like to take this opportunity to ask that once you have collected your children you leave school immediately and make all reasonable effort to prevent the crossover of bubbles. The trim trail is out of bounds and children should not be playing on it at the end of the school day please.

For children in Nursery the attendance pattern you had before Christmas will resume including, where applicable the lunch sessions and paid for additional hours. You will be invoiced for these additional services where applicable in the coming weeks. If your needs or attendance preference has changed please contact the office as soon as possible.

For children in the main school, the meal pattern your child had before Christmas will resume. Please ensure that funds are pre-paid into your SIMS Pay account ahead of their return. If you wish to change your child's meal pattern please contact the office as soon as possible.

I am pleased to confirm that School's Out will resume their before and after school club from the 8th and I understand from Linda that she will be in touch with relevant families very soon.

All children are expected to return to school in full school uniform every day. Children will be advised of their PE day on the first day back and from then on may wear their PE kit to school all day on the day they do PE.

The one way system in place before Christmas will return with all families asked to arrive through the Glade gate and exit through the Burnt Oak Lane gate. All adults and any children of secondary school age are requested to wear a face covering while dropping



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and collecting children unless medically exempt. There is no expectation or requirement for children to wear face coverings at any time.

As was the case before Christmas, staff including senior leaders will be available to parents via remote communication including telephone calls and video conferences. In person meetings will only be held when there is a clear and specific reason to do so and no one will be admitted to the building without an appointment.

If your child was issued with a school laptop during this period of lockdown we would ask that you return it to school with the case and charger on the first day back. We will be collating these together and preparing them to re-issue to other children if we have to close bubbles.

I understand that there will be a mixture of relief and concern across the parent community about the return. I want to reassure you that a robust risk assessment is in place including additional cleaning and ventilation to keep children safe while they are at school. We will be enforcing additional handwashing in every year group for the foreseeable future and keeping the children within their bubbles and preventing cross over as much as possible. As before please do not send your child to school under any circumstances if they or anyone in your household or support bubble is displaying symptoms of COVID-19 regardless of how mild these may be. The best thing we can do to protect our children's emotional wellbeing and education is to keep COVID out of our school as far as reasonably possible.

We are aware that most if not all the children have suffered emotionally and academically throughout this second lockdown. Our initial focus on return will be supporting them socially and emotionally with additional opportunities for all children to play throughout the day. There will also be time set aside for them to reflect on their experiences with their peers and with adults in circle times and in creative arts projects we have planned.

There is strong evidence in research that play and time outdoors connecting with nature significantly supports the mental wellbeing of children and young people. We are in the final stages of commissioning a new climbing frame for the playground to support this as well as preparing to "re-wild" part of the school field to enrich the children's experience of their time outdoors by providing access to nature within the school day. We have managed to secure additional therapeutic support for children most affected by the lockdown in the form of horticultural therapy and will be looking to restart play therapy as a priority.

As the children settle emotionally and socially back into school life, we will be looking to understand what the academic implications of the lockdown have been for the children and will be refining our curriculum and teaching to focus on core skills to support access to a rich, varied and balanced curriculum.



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I speak for all my colleagues when I say how much we are looking forward to seeing the children back in school face to face. We have missed them all very much and can't wait to get back to being together again. I would like to take this opportunity as well to thank and pay tribute to the parents and family members who have stepped up to support us in educating your children over these last few weeks as they have adjusted again to learning online. You have done this while balancing your own work and the work of looking after a home and family. Your children will be forever better off for all the effort and energy you have brought to this.

With my best wishes for the final few days,

Mr. A Twyman
Head Teacher

YG	Start of Day	End of Day
R	8:40	15:15
1	8:40	15:15
2/3	8:45	15:20



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4	8:45	15:20
5	8:50	15:25
6	8:50	15:25

	AM Session	PM Session
Nursery	8:45-11:45	12:30-15:30

