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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am very excited to be writing to you all with the final plans for welcoming you all back to Water Meadows next week. Currently, lots of work is continuing at Water Meadows to get everything ready for everyone to return on Monday 8th March. All of the staff are very excited to see you all and for you to see the transformations that have taken place! Below are the finalised plans for our return. If, after reading them, you have any questions, please do contact the main school office via WEDUC, email or phone and the staff will be very happy to help.

Breakfast and After School Club

Breakfast and After School Clubs will be available to all parents from Monday 8th March, the details for these are on our website and WEDUC. We do ask that parents book and sign up for the dates that you require for the rest of the term; this will continue after Easter, via School Cloud. You do not need to book a place for every day but will be expected to book in advance for the sessions you require in order to help us with numbers, to have a record of children attending and support with staffing and resource preparation.

Start and End of the school day

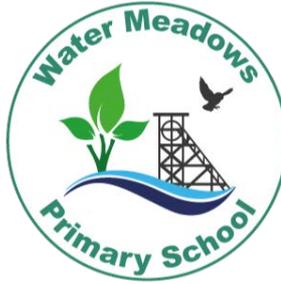
We will be reverting back to how we were before Christmas, with a few changes based on feedback from earlier this year. This seems to be the most sensible option and we know it works. Our main priority with the arrangements is to 'minimise risk'. Therefore, staggered start and finish times are in place and we will continue to offer 'supervision' time for any parents who have children in different classes; this will help provide one drop off and collection time. For example, if you had a child in Bumblebees and Dragonflies, you would drop all your children off at the earliest arrival time and pick up at the latest. This means we can reduce the volume of parents waiting around outside the school premises and social distancing can be maintained. During 'supervision' time, activities will take place in the classrooms, with the class teacher.

	Breakfast club	Optional supervision time	Arrival	Finish	Optional supervision time	ASC
Ladybirds	7.30-8.30	NA	8.30 via Main entrance gate	3.15	3.15-3.30	3.30-6.00
Bumblebees		NA	8.30 via Children's Centre Gate	3.15	3.15-3.30	
Grasshoppers		8.30-8.45	8.45 Children's Centre Gate	3.30	NA	
Dragonflies		8.30-8.45	8.45 Children's Centre Gate	3.30	NA	

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Extra details:

- Children should wear full school uniform and will require a PE kit in school. We will no longer share spare kit, including plimsolls or trainers. Children can change into PE kit on site.
- School dinners will be provided by Nourish and the full menu will be restored. Please see WEDUC for further information about Menu choices.
- Children will stay in their bubbles for all of the day, including breaks and lunch time. The children will be given 1 hour for lunch.
- Enrichment clubs will re-commence in Term 5 (more information nearer the time).
- Every child will have their own stationery pack. Please do not bring in a pencil case or similar to use from home. The use of other equipment or resources that are used across the school and by different year groups will be 'quarantined' for the appropriate period of time if they cannot be easily cleaned.
- Assemblies will take place but virtually, with all children remaining in their classrooms
- The children will be told to wash their hands frequently, including on arrival, before and after being outside, before and after eating and on a regular basis. The children have been very good with this so far this year. Hand gel will also be readily available throughout the school building.
- All classrooms will be set up in a way that minimises the risk of transmission.
- There will, of course, be a need to take into account the time children have been out of school, not only academically but also how it has affected their mental wellbeing and also their readiness to learn. The teachers' timetables and coverage in class will reflect this; we will not be focusing solely on English and Maths but will continue to provide a broad and balanced curriculum. You will be sent the class timetable to support the children with their return.
- As we will need to minimise the number of adults in school, we still cannot allow parents into the school building. However the office phone, email and WEDUC can be used to contact any member of staff, to support you in any way. If you do need to meet face-to-face with a member of staff, a minimum of 24 hour notice is required and can be booked via the main office; during these face coverings must be worn. As has been the case since the start of the year, any medicines should be dropped into the box in the main entrance, in a labelled bag with a completed medical form.
- A risk assessment will be published on our website outlining many of the other procedures taking place in more detail.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you all next week and if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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