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Dear Parents and Carers,

Keep going: the end of home learning is in sight! We are happy to be preparing to welcome all of our children back to school from **Monday 8th March**. You have done an amazing job with supporting their learning from home – please make sure that this is sustained until the end of next week to give the the very best start to school.

World Book Day – Thursday 4th March. This year your child can wear a costume of a book character OR pyjamas (their 'bedtime story' outfit), whether online or in school. On this day there will be a number of activities shared to promote the love of reading. Children will receive a £1 book token on Monday 8th March to buy a £1 book or discount a book of their choice.



CALLING ALL STORY TELLERS! Would your child like to record themselves reading a book (or a chapter of a book) that they would be happy to be shared with other pupils? If so, please record this and send the video via email to the school office by the end of Tuesday 2nd March. (Keep it short or it will not upload). Videos will then be shared with teachers so that they can choose to share them across relevant age groups. For example, a Y5 pupil may wish to read Red Riding Hood for KS1 pupils. We look forward to hearing their stories!

Arrangements from Monday 8th March

All procedures will resume that were in place back in December:

Arrival and departure times:



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	Arrive	Depart	Gate
YN (am)	08:30	11:30	metal
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YR	08:45	14:50	metal
C3	09:00	15:10	metal
C4	09:00	15:10	metal
C5	09:00	15:10	metal
C6	08:45	14:50	metal
C7	08:45	14:50	wooden
C8	08:45	14:50	wooden
C9	09:00	15:10	wooden
C10	09:00	15:10	wooden
C11	09:00	15:10	wooden

Please note – arrival/departure remains at the BACK of school only. Please be aware, additional space has been created for parents waiting to collect, therefore there are less parking spaces available. DO NOT block cars in. Consider walking if you can or park beyond the school gates. Please plan for this so that it is not a surprise/panic for you on Monday 8th.

All arrangements for lunches, PE, Forest School, expectations with school uniform, water bottles, etc. resume as previous.

Children ‘catching-up’

You will have heard plenty of media discussion regarding the catch-up journey that children will need to make. Please do not be concerned about this prospect. We aim to welcome pupils back with the initial priority of ensuring they are happy, whilst re-establishing routines. In the second week of their return, teachers will provide assessment opportunities to gauge where pupils are against expectations. We will use this data to support teacher planning within the classroom, determine school interventions and arrange after school support sessions, which will be offered to targeted pupils after the Easter holiday. Some pupils had previously received letters for catch-up sessions, which were due to begin in January. However, we are reassessing to ensure that we are offering the correct support to the correct pupils, as their needs may have changed.

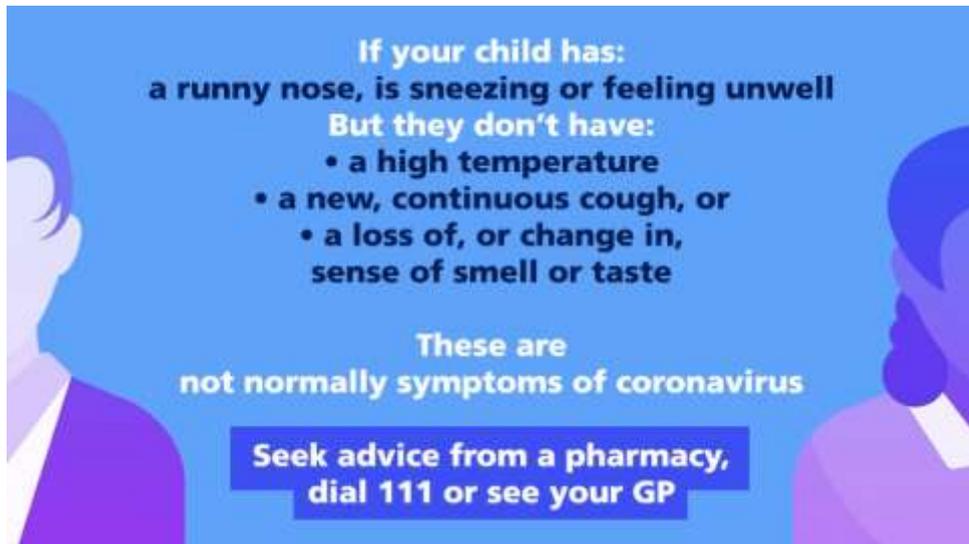
There is no plan for extended term dates or extended school days.

COVID management reminders:

What do I do if my child is ill?

Unsurprisingly, many of you who have had children display cold symptoms have queried as to whether or not they should be in school. The current advice remains YES, as long as they are well enough.





However, should they have a temperature of 37.8 degrees or above, a new persistent cough or a loss of taste or smell (COVID symptoms) then they MUST get a test. Should this test show negative results, then they will be able to return to school as soon as they feel well enough to do so. Your child's attendance will not be penalised for an absence of this nature and they will have access to lessons online from the second day of absence (or earlier), via Microsoft Teams.

There are other scenarios that pupils will need to remain off school for. These include:

- Another member of the household is showing symptoms and they are awaiting test results.
- Another member of the household is positive.
- They have been contacted via track and trace and as a result have to self-isolate for 14 days

If you are concerned that a family member requires a test, you MUST NOT send your child into school whilst awaiting the test/results.

What will happen if a child has a positive test result for COVID?

If we receive notification that one of our pupils (or staff) have a positive test result for COVID we must first liaise with the Public Health Team who will support us in coordinating our response. If the result is the immediate closure of the 'bubble' involved, we would contact the relevant class and ask that you collect your child as soon as possible and they would then be educated at home (across a period of 14 days). This education will be provided remotely. Their learning will then be provided, as it is now, via Microsoft Teams.

Thank you again for your support at this difficult time. If we continue to work together effectively we can minimise the disruption that this pandemic will cause to your child's learning.

We look forward to seeing you all again very soon.



Yours sincerely

Mrs T Davis
(Principal)

Dates for your calendar:

Planning for school events

We will be looking at planning for future events once the first phase of the road map is successfully completed. We hope for this to be 12th April. Following this, we will schedule events (virtual or live, as appropriate) for the remainder of the school year.

Thursday March 4 th	World Book day
Monday March 8 th	ALL pupils to return to school
Tuesday March 16 th	Class photographs
Friday 19 th March	Red Nose Day (no collection, but children are welcome to wear noses if they wish)
Monday 22 nd March	Children attend virtual Mass with all other schools in the Multi Academy
Monday 29 th March	Collection of toiletries and blankets for The Good Shepherd
Thursday 1 st April	School finishes one hour early – break up for Easter

Term dates:

Summer Term 2021

- Term Time: Monday 19 April 2021 to Friday 28 May 2021
- Half Term: Monday 31 May 2021 to Friday 4 June 2021
- Term Time: Monday 7 June 2021 to Wednesday 21 July 2021

INSET DAYS remaining (School closed to pupils):

- Friday 28th May 2021



Thank you to those who are following us on Twitter. This is only a 'good news' site, we will not be delivering notices through this medium. If you would like to follow us, the address is **@StAntsWolves.**



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