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Dear parents and carers,

### **Re: Wider school opening**

I am writing so I can share information about your child's return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Hurray! I am absolutely **delighted** to be welcoming everyone back and thank you for supporting the children's learning during these challenging times. By working as partners, we ensured online learning has been exemplary and kept the children in close contact with their peers too. This is such a fantastic achievement.

### **Hygiene controls**

When the children return, the procedures will be similar to those before lockdown. We will be continuing our enhanced hygiene and cleaning measures as well as encouraging social distancing to keep the school environment as safe as possible. Only one parent will be able to come on site at drop off and collection times to keep numbers as low as possible.

The children will also return to working in their class and key stage bubbles; we do this to reduce the number of children sent home if a positive case is confirmed. On collection, please leave the school site immediately, keeping your children with you so they don't mix with children in other bubbles.

### **Facemasks**

The use of masks has been increased in the most recent guidance. Now staff in schools must wear masks if they cannot maintain the 2m social distancing between adults. We therefore ask that all parents continue to wear masks on site. Please be advised that entry to the office or school will require a mask in order to keep the staff and children as safe as possible.

### **Uniform and presentation**

We will continue to wear PE kits on PE days and school uniform on non-PE days. It is wise to try these on as soon as possible as many children may have outgrown their school clothing. The school does have a supply of donated school uniform items so please email the school office with sizes to see if we can help.

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PE days are as follows:

- Monday – Year 2
- Tuesday – Year 1 and Year 3
- Wednesday – Year 4
- Thursday – Year 5
- Friday – Year 6 and Reception

**Covid symptoms** (high temperature, change to sense of taste/smell, persistent cough)

If a child shows symptoms of Covid at home, he/she and anyone from their household should not come to school.

If a child develops symptoms at school, we will call you to collect your child and he/she will be asked to wait in the medical room until you arrive. We will also request your child takes a Covid test and you inform us of the results so we can advise close contacts to self-isolate. All school staff are now testing twice a week in order to identify asymptomatic cases.

### **Communication with school**

Contact with school staff will be through email and telephone again, but the Senior Leadership Team will be available to you at the beginning and end of the day when you come to the school.

We are aware that some children will have anxieties about returning to school and we will send out a survey so you can share your child's experiences with us and enable us to support their return. We will also change our curriculum again so children can ease their way back into learning, reconnect with their friends and have a successful start. Resources to support your child's wellbeing can also be found on our school [website](#).

If you have any queries, please contact the school office on [office@laurelsprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@laurelsprimary.co.uk) and they will be happy to ask a member of staff to contact you. I will be in contact with more information shortly.

We look forward to having our whole community back together soon.

Yours sincerely



**Miss C Bull**  
**Headteacher**