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School RE-Opening 8.3.21

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to opening the doors next week, to all our pupils and welcoming everyone back to school. In preparation for this, we have undertaken a deep clean of the classrooms and each pupil has been issued with a new individual pack of stationery equipment.

Control measures prior to this lockdown are still in place, which means that handwashing, sanitising, separate bubbles, staggered arrivals, and face masks will remain for the time being.

In addition, staff are now also taking a Lateral Flow Test twice a week, to help stop the spread of Covid from individuals who may be asymptomatic.

Figures last week for Tameside, showed that the rate of infection is still very high in our region and at the point of issue we were 11th nationally and 3rd in Greater Manchester. The Kent variant is now dominant in Tameside representing 99% of all new cases and we know this spread more easily than previous variants of COVID last year.

It is important that we remain vigilant and follow the guidance. Prior to lockdown, we had all worked together to protect our school community and I am confident through joint efforts we will continue to do the same.

Arrangements for next week (until advised are otherwise) will be as before the Christmas break.

There are 2 drop off times and 2 collections times. As you will see from the table below:

Blue Class/Red Class/Siblings arrival is 8.50am at their designated gates, which they should be collected from again at 3pm.

Green Class/Purple Class arrive at 9.00am and go to their designated gate, which they should be collected from again at 3.15pm.

Drop Off and Collection			
Time	Classes	Time	Classes
8.50am	Blue Gate 4 Red Gate 5 Siblings Gate 7	3.00pm	Blue Gate 4 Red Gate 5 Siblings Gate 7
9.00 am	Green Gate 5 Purple Gate 4	3.15pm	Green Gate 5 Purple Gate 4



During drop off and collection, we are asking that you continue for now to:

- socially distance.
- wear a face covering.
- keep children off the equipment and with you.
- leave the playground promptly.

As the road map continues to be disclosed, we will be looking forward to relaxing these rules, but for now they remain important measures to take to protect from current infection rates.

If your child arrives late on any day, please take them to the school office to be signed in. As before, social distancing will continue in this area, with only one family at a time permitted to enter.

Sadly, we are still unable to invite parents to school and we desperately look forward to us all coming back together in this way. For now, small steps with lots of hope on the horizon for brighter things ahead.

On a very happy note, the final works have been completed to Phase 2 of the junior playground. All we need now is the sound of laughter and lots of smiley faces to enjoy the equipment. Other new features include, the installation of the raised bed allotment, which is ready to start planting in and a potting table for all the preparations to be made on. Several reading benches have arrived, for pupils to enjoy some quiet time with a favourite book. Finally, the outdoor art gallery has been developed further into an area of tranquillity, for pupils to enjoy with a table installed, new artwork exhibited and the addition of a planter to experience some relaxing fragrant herbs and plants.

Enjoy the rest of the week and we will see you all on Monday morning.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Mrs Marrow". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mrs Marrow and the Broadbottom Team.