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Dear parents and carers,

Re: Return to school – Monday 8th March 2021

I am sure you are all aware that the Prime Minister has now set out the plans for all children to return to school from the 8th March. We are really looking forward to seeing everybody back at school. Virtual teaching and learning has been going very well indeed but nothing can replace the human contact we have all been missing so much. I know the children can't wait to get back to seeing their friends, teachers and support staff and we can't wait to have a playground full of happy, smiling faces again.

We have reviewed our current COVID Risk Assessment and updated it in light of the latest guidance in order to make sure we are doing everything to keep everyone as safe as we possibly can. Many of the safety measures were already in place in the autumn term and we will be continuing to review our Risk Assessment as a live document and maintain updates as necessary.

Drop off and pick up times

The beginning and end of the school day are the busiest time for children and adults congregating in one place, and maintaining safe distances can be a challenge. We aim to minimise crowding and will be continuing to offer a soft start and staggered finish times and to use all entrance and exit points available with a one way system for Reception and Nursery.

Drop off and pick up times were running very smoothly in the autumn term. We will be using a very similar system this term and arrangements will be as follows:

We will be using the following entry and exit points:

GATE A: double gates on Torridon Road (Year 1 and Year 2)

GATE B: former Key Stage One gate on Hazelbank Road (Year 3, Year 4 and Resource Base)

GATE C: Key Stage Two gate on Hazelbank Road (Year 5 and Year 6)

GATE D: Reception gate on Torridon Road (Nursery and Reception entry only)

GATE E: Nursery gate on Torridon Road (Nursery and Reception exit only)

Start of the day	GATE A	GATE B	GATE C	GATE D	GATE E
8.45am – 8.55am	Year 1 Year 2	Year 3 Year 4 Resource Base	Year 5 Year 6	Reception and Nursery Entrance	Reception and Nursery Exit

Senior staff will be on duty to greet children at the gate and direct them to their learning space. There are sanitisation stations at each gate so children can sanitise their hands. Class teachers and support staff will remain in their classrooms to greet children on arrival.

END OF THE DAY

At the end of the day, pick up time will be between 3.00pm and 3.30pm. Please come to your allocated gate (observing 2m distancing rules if you have to wait) where senior staff will greet you. Children will wait on the playground or in their learning space with the adults from their bubble until parents or carers arrive to collect them. Siblings in Years 1 to 6 will be dropped off and collected at the designated time and gate allocated to the **oldest sibling**.

We ask that you stick to the pick up and drop off times and do not wait any longer than necessary outside the school gates. We also ask that you are also that you are considerate and respectful to our neighbours with regard to parking.

End of the day	GATE A	GATE B	GATE C	GATE D	GATE E
3.00pm	Year 1 and Saplings	Year 3 and Resource Base	Year 5	Reception Entry	Reception Exit
3.15pm	Year 2	Year 4	Year 6	Nursery Entry	Nursery Exit

PLEASE WEAR A MASK OR FACE COVERING AT PICK UP AND DROP OFF TIMES.

Parents and carers will not be allowed on site (except in an emergency) with the exception of parents and carers of children in Nursery and Reception. We will still aim to uphold our 'open door policy' and will be available via email or telephone until we are able to re-establish face to face contact on the playground.

We have updated our Handbook for Returning to School (see attached) in light of the most recent Government Guidance. Senior staff will be very happy to discuss any questions- or concerns you may have. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if there is anything we can do to support you.

I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Very best wishes

A. George

Manda George
Headteacher

Coronavirus Symptoms

In line with the latest government and NHS advice, you must keep your child at home if they develop coronavirus symptoms and arrange for them to have a test. Symptoms include:

- A new, continuous cough
- A high temperature
- Loss of smell or taste

Please engage fully with the Test and Trace system if you are asked to.

If you think your child may have been exposed to or has coronavirus, please contact us at the earliest opportunity

covid@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk or 07376358065.

If a child feels unwell at school, parents or carers will be called and asked to collect the child as soon as possible. The child will be isolated from other children until they are able to be collected and taken home. They will isolate at home until the results of their test is known. If a case is confirmed, all the contacts of the case will need to isolate in line with current government guidance.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

