



February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I was really pleased to hear the Prime Minister's announcement yesterday, setting out the road map for the weeks and months ahead. In particular, we are all looking forward to **re-opening SJA for all children on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. This letter aims to outline the plans for the full reopening of SJA and explain the practical information you will need to know in readiness for your child's return to school.

### When and who will be able to attend school?

From **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March** every child from every year group is expected back in school. The Government has stated that from this date, the usual rules on mandatory school attendance will apply.

### What will the school day look like?

Children will be organised in the same way as the Autumn Term with each class considered to be a 'bubble'. Children will be with their allocated class teacher in their classroom. There will be times when they will be joined by an allocated LSA so that some LSA intervention groups will be able to resume.

As we did in the Autumn Term, we will initially focus our lessons on closing any gaps in children's learning, whilst also extending learning where children have made good progress at home. We will continue to provide the children with a broad curriculum as we go forward, along with the essential focus on reading, writing and mathematics. In the first days and weeks, there will also be a focus on emotional wellbeing. Year teams are already thinking about and planning this provision.

### What are the drop-off and pick-up arrangements?

It is essential that we continue to keep the different super bubbles (year groups) of children separate from each other throughout the whole day. This includes drop-off and pick-up.

- Only **one adult** should come to school with his/her child and ensure that appropriate social distancing is maintained. If siblings cannot be left at home, they must stay with you and not mix with others.
- All adults who are able to do so should continue to wear a face covering in the layby area as was the case in the Autumn Term.
- The drop-off and pick-up period will be shortened to reduce the time parents may need to wait if they have children in different year groups (see table on the next page) ***N.B. Please aim to wait away from the lay-by area, if you have children in different year groups.***
- Staff will be at the front of school each morning to direct children to the appropriate side gates to enter into school (see table on the next page outlining which gate to use – this may have changed for your child)
- Class teachers will be available to welcome the children as they line up in the car park, as before.



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- At the end of the day, at the allocated time slots, staff will bring the children to the same gates the children came through in the morning to be released to their waiting adult.
- Please leave immediately once you have your child so that we can make room for other parents collecting the next bubble.
- Parents will not be allowed on site and must say goodbye to their children at the allocated gate.

### Staggered drop-off and pick-up arrangements

We will not be able to take siblings of children at a time other than their allocated time below. Please stand in a socially distanced space so pathways are left clear, ideally avoiding the lay-by until it is your child's drop-off / pick-up time. The time slots are there to prevent families from gathering too closely so thank you in advance for strictly adhering to these times.

Year group	Class	Drop off time	Pick up time	Car park gate (as you look at the school from the layby)
6	CJ	8:45am	3:00pm	<b>Right</b> hand gate
	DM	8:45am	3:00pm	<b>Right</b> hand gate
	JH	8:45am	3:00pm	<b>Left</b> hand gate
	MD	8:45am	3:00pm	<b>Left</b> hand gate
5	5PW	8:50am	3:05pm	<b>Right</b> hand gate
	5JE	8:50am	3:05pm	<b>Right</b> hand gate
	5RA	8:50am	3:05pm	<b>Left</b> hand gate
	5MP	8:50am	3:05pm	<b>Left</b> hand gate
4	4CC	8:55am	3:10pm	<b>Right</b> hand gate
	4AM	8:55am	3:10pm	<b>Right</b> hand gate
	4ZL	8:55am	3:10pm	<b>Left</b> hand gate
	4LB	8:55am	3:10pm	<b>Left</b> hand gate
3	3ES	9am	3:15pm	<b>Right</b> hand gate
	3CE	9am	3:15pm	<b>Right</b> hand gate
	3RF	9am	3:15pm	<b>Left</b> hand gate

### Communication with school staff

If you need to communicate a message to a member of staff, please use the office email as much as possible. Adults will be on the gates during drop-off and pick-up points but will be unable to have lengthy conversations or pass on urgent messages to class teachers.

## Use of the lay-by

In order to ensure the safety of all our children and families, we would urge everyone to park responsibly, away from the school. In addition to the health benefits of walking, we will be resuming our 'walk to school' initiative for children on their return, so please remember to park and stride, or walk from home if possible. If you feel it is essential to park in the lay-by, you should only do so **outside the drop-off and pick-up periods** (8.45am – 9am; 3.00pm – 3.15pm) to ensure the safety of all. **Please do not drive through the lay-by during these two 15 minute drop-off and pick-up periods.**

## What can children bring with them?

Children can bring:

- a small bag with a pencil case containing a pen, pencil, ruler, rubber and sharpener. Their pencil case will need to stay in their drawer at school all week.
- a coat,
- water bottle,
- a healthy snack
- a lunch box containing items that they can open independently for themselves.

Children must wear full school uniform, details of which can be found on our website. On the days that your child has PE, PE kits can be worn all day to avoid needing to change and mixing bubbles to allow boys and girls to change separately. As the children will be wearing PE kit all day, please consider tracksuit bottoms and hoodies on colder days.

## What will happen if a child or adult shows signs of COVID-19?

The same arrangements as the Autumn Term will be in place. Please contact us to let us know if your child or any member of the household shows COVID-19 symptoms requiring self-isolation. As before, we will ensure your child can access learning remotely via Google Classroom for their period of isolation.

## Other info

SJC will run as it did in the Autumn Term for those children who have a place. A separate communication will follow for those families. However, we will not be offering any other after-school provision at present.

We continue to feel confident in the measures we have in place to keep children and staff safe. Measures outlined in our robust risk assessment, including regular staff testing, all contribute to ensuring pupil and staff safety remains paramount.

On a final note, I wanted to thank you for your ongoing support over the last few weeks. I am hugely impressed with - and in many ways in awe of - the sheer effort and determination our young learners have shown to date. With less than 2 weeks to go before all children return to school, I wanted to extend my thanks to you as parents for helping us to support all of our learners during this difficult time, especially our remote learners who haven't been in school since Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January. Thank you – although times have been tough, it has been a privilege to witness the strength of our SJA community.

Best wishes



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