



Dear Parents and Carers,

26<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**SCHOOL REOPENING:** I am sure that you were all as delighted as we were at the news on Monday that school will be fully reopening from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. As the government has made clear, we are still in the midst of this pandemic and restrictions must remain in place. The children will continue to be taught, eat, and play in their bubbles and there will be no mixing of bubbles. There will be staggered drop offs and pick ups and the children will be temperature checked and have hands sanitised on arrival. A one-way system will operate around the school and doors and windows will be open to provide appropriate ventilation. Children may bring a packed lunch, water bottle and book bag to school and wear their PE kits to school on the days that they have PE (we will confirm these days in next week's newsletter) . Children will not wear face masks, but the staff will continue to wear them in communal areas and when moving around the school. The children will be encouraged to wash their hands regularly throughout the day and will follow the 'bin it, catch it, kill it' advice when blowing their noses, sneezing, or coughing in school. The surfaces will be sprayed with anti-bacterial cleaner throughout the day and any shared resources will be quarantined for 48 or 72 hours, depending on the material. All of these restrictions were put in place in September and the children complied with them brilliantly then I have no doubt that they will all simply pick up where they left off in December. They may need gentle reminders, but I know they will appreciate the need to follow the rules and keep everyone safe.

**DROP OFF/PICK UP TIMES AND GATES:** Here is a reminder of the drop off and collection times and points for your children. We politely request that all adults continue to wear a face mask at the school gates to help to protect our community. Please note that the Nursery, Blue Group and Red Group times have changed:

YEAR GROUP	PARK GATE	RIGHT GATE
Y6	8.30am/2.55pm	
Y5		8.30am/2.55pm
Y4	8.40am/3pm	
Y3		8.40am/3pm
Y2	8.50am/2.50pm	
Y1		8.50am/2.50pm
YELLOW		9am/2.40pm
RED	9am/2.40pm	
BLUE	9am/2.40pm	
NURSERY (30 HOURS)		9.05am/3.05pm
NURSERY (15HOURS)		9.05am/12.05pm

**WRAP AROUND CARE:** Breakfast and After School Club will be reopening from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March like the rest of the school. Please book places via ParentPay by Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March if you need them for the following week. If you use Childcare Vouchers for Wrap Around Care please send your completed booking forms to the school office (these will be available on the school website later today). Please remember drop off times for Breakfast Club are 7.30, 7.50 and 8.10am. If you are booking After School Club please contact the school office to inform us what time you will be collecting your child, (Options are 4.30, 5.00 and 5.30pm). Please note that this facility is open to Reception – Y5 only and not to Nursery or Y6.

**AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:** Unfortunately, due to the regulations surrounding the mixing of bubbles, the after-school programme of activities will not be reopening on March 8<sup>th</sup>. We hope to get this important aspect of school life back up and running as soon as it is safe to do so.

**SCHOOL MEALS:** The deadline for ordering school lunches for week commencing Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 is Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Please make your bookings via ParentPay in the usual way. If you do not book a school lunch you will need to provide a packed lunch. Please consider booking for the term ahead if you are able to. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 you will not be charged for these meals but you are still required to book. The menu is available on the school website, and will commence with week 3 on 8<sup>th</sup> March.

**SYMPTOMS:** Please do not send your child in to school if they develop COVID19 symptoms:

- A raised temperature
- A new continuous cough
- A loss or change to the sense of smell or taste

The child may return to school once a negative test has been obtained or after 10 days from the onset of symptoms.

Children should also not come to school if:

- They have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID19.
- Anyone in their household or support or childcare bubble develops symptoms of COVID19
- They have been advised to isolate by NHS test and trace or the PHE local health protection team, which is a legal obligation

**SUPER TROUPER NOMINATIONS:** This week's Online Super Troupers are as follows:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Online Super Trouper</b>
Duckling	Chester T
Bluebird	Rowan B
Red Kites	George S
Yellow Wagtails	Mia W
Kingfisher	Ariana M
Puffin	Ryan M
Swan	Finley M
Flamingo	Oscar F
Lion	Ellie M
Giraffe	Hollie B
Penguin	Amy D
Eagle	Megan N
Snowy Owl	Isabella H
Leopard	Devon H-R
Elephant	Evie S
Dolphin	Elissa C

**WORLD BOOK DAY:** King's Meadow School will be celebrating World Book Day this year on Thursday 4th March. As we are still at home we thought that it would be a good idea to set tasks that could be done as a family. Our theme this year is Julia Donaldson and the staff have all chosen books and activities that relate to her. We are also trying very hard to put together a 'Masked Reader' task which we will attach to your Google Classroom classwork. In addition to this we have sent you a digital token which you can print out and buy a £1 book with, or put it towards a book that you are excited about reading. We hope that you have lots of fun with the activities and enjoy doing them with your siblings or other family members. Mrs Ward, Assistant Head.

**PARENTS' EVENINGS:** We will be holding our parents' consultations during the week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Due to the current restrictions, these will not be face to face but via telephone:

- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Nursery, Reception, Y5 and Y6
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> – Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4

You will be able to book your own appointment slot online and details of how to do this will follow next week.

**NURSERY APPLICATIONS 2021:** Once again our Nursery setting is proving very popular and we have been inundated with requests for places starting September 2021. If your child has their third birthday between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021, and you are interested in them joining our Nursery setting this year, please to not delay in completing an application form. Application forms can be located on the school website, or please feel free to contact the office if you have any queries or require a paper copy. Please return your completed forms to [office.2210@kings-meadow.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2210@kings-meadow.oxon.sch.uk) by no later than **Wednesday 31st March 2021**. <https://kings-meadow.oxon.sch.uk/admissions/>

**COVID:** I am pleased to report that there have been no cases of Covid in school this week.

Have a lovely weekend.



Mrs L Daulton

Headteacher