

RSJB Weekly

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Monday 1st March 2021

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. The date all pupils can return to school is 8th March; we are of course very happy to be planning for the return of all of our children on this date.

The guidance (yes more) was released on Tuesday, which basically indicates that primary schools need to follow the same routines they were doing in the Autumn Term (September to December). This means the children will remain in Year Group bubbles throughout the day. The times of the school day will remain the same. The school gate will be open in the morning between 8:40- 8:50 and they will be open at home time between 3:20 and 3:30. This is to allow children and adults to come in safely, staggering the flow into school. All families MUST practise social distancing outside school when waiting to come in and must wear facemasks whilst waiting to come into school and on school grounds.

Hot school dinners will be provided as usual and school uniform is to be worn, please check that everything fits. Children should wear PE kits to school on class PE days. Remember that the school needs to have windows open in all rooms, so the children may need to have an additional layer in order to keep them warm. School will not return to 'normal' for the foreseeable future, but it will return as it was from September to December. Any child displaying symptoms must not come to school. If there is a positive case in school, then the bubble will need to close for a ten-day period after the last contact. It is a return to school for all pupils and attendance is expected of all pupils as stated in the government guidelines this week. Any child not returning to school (other than for illness or due to isolating) will be marked as unauthorised. The teachers will post learning for the children up until Friday 5th March on Google Classroom. After this date the Google Classroom will only be used for homework unless there is a Bubble Closure.

Prior to the recent school closure, we had spent the Autumn Term re-establishing routines and learning habits, before assessing the children in December in order to begin our plans for the learning they had missed. This has obviously gone out of the window now; however, we are hopeful that due to the remote learning provided the reintegration of the children this time will not be a long one (please know that the children's well-being will always come first). As much as we need to know what knowledge the children have retained I have informed staff that the children are not to be formally tested/assessed in the three weeks prior to the Easter break. We will however assess the children early in the Summer Term to ensure we successfully support our children. We would also usually have a Parent/Consultation evening this term, last term this was done via phone. In all honesty you will know how your child/ren have done as well as we do for this term. With that being the case, in Summer Term we will provide a written report, as we usually would, but also have a consultation, either face to face, if rules allow or by phone to go alongside this report.

WORLD BOOK DAY on THURSDAY 4th MARCH

A normal topic for a school newsletter, seems a long time since I have done that. It is World Book Day on Thursday 4th March. We contemplated moving it to when the children return, however on reflection we thought it would be a nice way to complete the remote learning before the children come back. On Thursday we would love pupils in school and at home to dress up as a book character if they wish – no donation is required. Please share your pictures on Twitter and on Google Classroom. Teachers are busy planning lots of themed activities on Google Classroom for this date. Please join Ms. Steele for a whole school assembly at 9:30am and for the masked reader quiz at 2:30pm. Book tokens will be available to collect at the front entrance of school along with lots of resources to support your World Book Day celebrations.

COMIC RELIEF DAY on FRIDAY 19th MARCH

Again, something normal! For Comic Relief Day we are asking the children to wear their own clothes but do so back to front and/or inside out. If you would like to donate please do so via the Comic Relief website.

Just in case you missed it on the last newsletter, to make all parents and carers aware that many of the staff have opted to take the Lateral Flow Tests to check for COVID. If one of these tests proves positive for COVID, school will close the bubble that the member of staff has been part of until that person has had a PCR Test (the standard formal test.) If the PCR test proves to be positive the members of the bubble will need to continue to isolate. If the PCR test comes back negative (the Lateral Flow test giving a false positive) then the bubble will be allowed to return immediately.

Quick reminder...

Here is our school procedure for reporting test results.

- Between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. Mon to Fri (term time) ring the school office on 01226 722011
- Out of school hours – evenings and weekends we ask that you email the test result through to our new email address covidresultRSJB@smat.org.uk. This will be monitored periodically on an evening and at the weekend. **Please do not use our normal email addresses to report test results.**

Once again try and have a good weekend, keep going and if you have any questions or something you think we may be able to help with please just contact us and we will do all we can to assist.

Yours sincerely

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