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Newsletter - Wednesday 3rd March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to you a little earlier this week to enable us to share with you the 'Return to School' information that we have to date. We are looking forward to seeing all of our children back in school on Monday.

We have updated our parent guidance which you can find [HERE](#). Our previous arrangements were very robust and are still in place as was.

However, there is a change to the use of face coverings for staff and adults in school. All staff are now expected to wear a face covering in school when not in their classroom. This is something that we will be sharing with children in our Collective Worship on Friday, we will be showing the children what we look like with our face coverings on and what they can expect to see. It would be helpful to discuss this with your child so that they are well prepared. All visitors to school are also required to wear a face mask. This includes parents visiting the school and at drop off and pick up times. We now have a [Face Covering Protocol](#) in place. Thank you.

In our first week back we have prioritised lots of fun, practical and active activities to allow the children to renew their friendships, relationships and alleviate any anxieties that they may have. Please do let one of the staff know if there have been/are any specific worries/changes/events/traumas/celebrations in your family over this lockdown period that you feel it would be helpful for us to be made aware of before your child returns to school or even if they are particularly anxious about returning to school, thank you.

We have reviewed my working arrangements, as headteacher, in line with the new risk assessment and the lateral flow testing routine. Therefore, I will now be able to attend both schools in the same week for two consecutive days each. Next week I will be in Danby School on Monday and Tuesday, working remotely from home on Wednesday and be in Egton School on Thursday and Friday. This will operate in reverse the following week.

We also have our [Covid Recovery Plan](#) in place. This will no doubt continue to evolve over time and we will keep you updated with any changes and plans.

Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff

On Sunday 28 February, the [Department of Health and Social Care announced](#) that from Monday 1 March, households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles, can test themselves twice every week at home as schools return from Monday 8 March. Households, childcare and support bubbles of primary, secondary and college staff can also be tested. Twice-weekly testing will also be offered to adults working in the wider school community, including bus drivers and after school club leaders. The twice-weekly test kits can be accessed:

- via employers if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test centre
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit on-line

This [guidance](#) provides information on who can be tested and how you can get a test.

REMINDER- Covid testing

If your child starts to show any symptoms of Covid or you have taken them for a Covid test please let us know via the admin email even at the weekend. We are still required to report all cases of Covid linked to our school and monitor our emails for covid notifications daily. Thank you.

World Book Day

Don't forget tomorrow is World Book Day, join us for Collective Worship in the morning with your favourite book. Your child may dress up or be in their pyjamas ready for story time if they wish to! We will be distributing World Book Day Vouchers next week when the children are back in school.

Term Dates

Monday 8th March	-	All Children to return to School at 9am
Friday 26th March	-	Break up for the Easter Holidays at 3.30pm
Monday 12th April	-	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 13th April	-	Children return to School at 9am
Monday 3rd May	-	May Bank Holiday - School Closed for 1 day
Friday 28th May	-	Break up for Half Term
Monday 7th June	-	Children return to School at 9am
Friday 23rd July	-	Break up for Summer at 3.30pm

Best wishes,

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Liz Orland
Headteacher