



THORNHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome back Parents and Carers,

We are eagerly looking forward to seeing all our wonderful children on the **8th March** when school re-opens to ALL children. The current lockdown has been difficult and challenging for all of us, so firstly I would like to thank you all for your fantastic efforts engaging with our remote learning offer.

We have worked extremely hard to ensure the school is safe for the children and staff and all decisions regarding re-opening Thornhill have been made in line with the government guidance.

We have reviewed our Risk Assessment which sets out how we have planned to mitigate risks throughout the school. The update risk assessment can be found on our school website.

Many of the measures we put in place in the autumn term will still be in operation when your child/ren returns to school. We will continue to:

- follow a one-way system throughout the school
- have a staggered start and end of day – see below
- ask your child to bring a labelled water bottle to school
- ask your child to come to school in their full school uniform and on the days that they have PE, to come into school wearing their full school PE kit. Please note we will not allow children to arrive in football tops (e.g., Chelsea, Arsenal, Tottenham, Liverpool, Man City, etc.) as this is not the school's uniform policy.
- Ask parents to arrive to school at the time allocated to them – please DO NOT ARRIVE EARLY as this will cause the mixing of bubbles.
- Ask everyone to maintain their social distance inside and outside of the school.
- Ensure rooms are well ventilated, windows will be kept open to ensure maximum ventilation in all classrooms and group rooms. Please ensure your child has an extra layer on.
- Continue to offer Breakfast Club and School Plus. Parents will need to pre-book and pay in advance for both School Plus and Breakfast Club via ParentPay by midnight the night before you would like the place. This is so staff can organise the children according to their bubble.

The government has recommended a number of additional measures schools must take, including:

- Face coverings will need to be worn by staff and adult visitors.
- Teachers and support staff are provided with the option to take two rapid COVID-19 tests each week at home.
- Parents and visitors are not to be admitted to the school site unless by pre-arranged appointment.

Staggered Times for Morning Drop Off and Pick Up – Spring 2020

	EYFS Bubble (Reception and Nursery)	KS1 Bubble (Year 1 and Year 2)	Lower KS2 (Year 3 and Year 4)	Upper KS2 (Year 5 and Year 6)
Morning Drop-Off	08:45 - 09:00am	08:45 - 09:00am	09:00 - 09:15am	09:15 - 09:30am
End of Day Pickup	15:00 - 15:15pm	15:00 - 15:15pm	15:15 - 15:30pm	15:30 - 15:45pm



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IMPORTANT – Self-Isolating

I cannot stress how important it is for all children to return to school, however, if your child or a member of your household has COVID symptoms or have been advised to take a test, please DO NOT send your child into school until you get a negative test result. If your child or a member of your household tests positive, you must all self-isolate for 10 days. This is critical in ensuring we do not have to close bubbles and send other children home to self-isolate.

When to self-isolate

Self-isolate immediately if:

- you have any symptoms of coronavirus (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste)
- you've tested positive for coronavirus – this means you have coronavirus
- someone you live with has symptoms or tested positive
- someone in your support bubble has symptoms and you've been in close contact with them since their symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started
- someone in your support bubble tested positive and you've been in close contact with them since they had the test or in the 48 hours before their test
- you've been told you've been in contact with someone who tested positive – [find out what to do if you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app](#)
- you arrive in the UK from a country with a high coronavirus risk – see [GOV.UK: how to self-isolate when you travel to the UK](#)

Preparing for the return to school

Whilst learning from home your child's sleep routines may have altered. In order to prepare your children for the return to school, start to reintroduce appropriate bed times. I would recommend children going to bed between 7.00 pm and 9.00 pm. Start to reduce the amount of time your child is spending on iPads or other devices and encourage more practical activities. I have also attached a return to school social story, which some children may find helpful.

Thank you for your continued support and I really look forward to seeing everyone on **Monday 8th March**.

With best wishes,

Miss Lewis
Headteacher

