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Arrangements for Reopening – 8th March

Dear parents/carers,

We are very pleased to now give you further information on what reopening will look like for parents and pupils of Walmley Junior School. You can access all of these arrangements on the **Home Page of the school website**. We are looking forward to welcoming all children back on **Monday 8th March** and please note that school attendance will once again be mandatory. We would ask you to discuss these arrangements with your child before they return. Routines will remain very similar to those that were in place before the Christmas break.

School uniform/equipment	All children will need to be in the correct, full uniform when they return – see website for details. No fabric shoes or trainers with coloured logos will be permitted. They will need their P.E kit from the very first day. Children should bring their own small pencil case (to fit in their tray) and any child who has progressed to writing in pen must provide their own. All uniform and equipment should be clean and named.
Social distancing	Children will be arranged in class ‘bubbles’ until May half term in the first instance. They will learn together in classes and will be able to socialise at break and lunch times. They will not be mixing with other year groups throughout the day and staff will be assigned to work in certain year groups/classes. Children will be encouraged to remain at least 1m apart wherever possible. There will be no whole school assemblies for the foreseeable future and children will have zoned areas in the dining hall.
Hygiene	Children will be reminded to wash their hands at regular intervals and before eating. Hand gel will be provided in every classroom and at the entrances/exits of school. Children will not go to the toilet in groups but will be allowed just one at a time throughout the school day, as necessary. Full details of our practices can be found in our revised risk assessment on the school website.
Start of day	Children will be able to flow freely in to school each morning between 8.45am and 9.00am and will go directly to their classroom , entering school through their assigned entrance. Please remind your child which door to come through before they arrive at school and do not gather at the school gates before this time. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 3 – Year 3 entrance • Year 4 – Main entrance • Year 5 – Library entrance • Year 6 – Year 6 entrance
End of day	Year group bubbles will leave school from their assigned exits at staggered times: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 3 will be dismissed at 3.15pm • Year 4 will be dismissed at 3.20pm • Year 5 will be dismissed at 3.25pm • Year 6 will be dismissed at 3.30pm Please try to arrive as close to the assigned time as possible to prevent too many people gathering at the school gate, and restrict drop off and collection to one adult only .
Break times	Children will have two outside breaks each day and will only be permitted to socialise with their year group. The playground will be zoned. Breaks will be supervised by staff within their bubble. Please provide your child with a healthy snack and bottle of water as their lunch time could be later than they are used to.

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Lunchtime	The school kitchen will reopen on 8th March . If your child requires a hot school lunch, a time slot and zone will be available for each class bubble to eat in the hall. Each bubble will then all be allowed to go outside to play in their assigned zone. Children who choose to bring their own sandwiches will eat at their desk in their classroom.
Earlybirds	Earlybirds will reopen on Monday 8th March for any parents who require this. Year group bubbles will be kept separate wherever possible whilst they attend Earlybirds and social distancing will be promoted. If you require any sessions, please contact earlybirds@walmley-jun.bham.sch.uk
Communicating with school	Please do not come on to the school site without a prior appointment. These can be made by calling or emailing school. Any face to face appointments must maintain a 2m distance and a face mask must be worn.
In the event of an outbreak	All members of staff now have access to testing kits and can test themselves twice weekly to identify positive Covid-19 results swiftly and help prevent an outbreak. If a child or adult displays any symptoms of Covid-19, they will be isolated and sent home immediately. We will advise that they should be tested as a matter of urgency and ask them to inform school of the outcome. In the event of a pupil or member of staff receiving a positive test result, all pupils and staff in the class bubble will be sent home and asked to isolate for 10 days, in line with government guidance. Remote learning will be provided for all pupils in the event of a bubble closing or local lockdown.

We appreciate all that you have done to support your child's education since January and are very much looking forward to seeing you all on Monday 8th March. This has been yet another time of change for all of our children and their families and we will be reviewing our practices regularly to make school the safest environment that it can be. Pupils' wellbeing and catching up on their education will be our priority as we return.

Yours sincerely,



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