

'Do Everything In Love' - 1 Corinthians 16 v14



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Dear Parents

We are delighted that we are able to welcome all of our children back to school on Monday 8 March. It is a short period before Easter (3½ weeks) but it will allow the whole school to get back into the routines we had before Christmas and to settle them all in gently. Our main aim will be to re-integrate the children safely into school and to become familiar again with routines, systems and expectations and also to settle any worries the children may have.

The class teachers will plan carefully for the return and will take time to assess any gaps in learning that need to be identified and actioned. I can assure you that it will not be a catch up of the work missed, but a gathering of information and assessment to identify the next steps for learning. In view of the fact that a significant proportion of the children will not have been in school for the majority of this Spring Term, the teachers will not be sending out a termly report before Easter but we do intend to host Zoom Parent Teacher Meetings in the last full week of this term. More details to follow.

We have reviewed our Risk Assessment in light of the return of everyone and this can be viewed on our website. Breakfast Club will resume from Monday 8 March for anyone who needs early morning provision. Please get in contact with Ms Budworth directly to book places – her details are on the website (Community – School Community – Breakfast Club). School will be open for children with staggered start and finish times from 8.30am. The start and finish times will be the same as in the Autumn Term and as before, siblings can be dropped off and collected together:-

- Years R/ 1 / 2 8.50am and 2.45pm
- Years 3 / 4 8.40am and 2.50pm
- Years 5 / 6 8.30am and 3pm

There is new national school guidance for this return, which identifies a few changes and reminders for parents. It reminds parents that they are to continue to strictly observe social distancing both within and outside the school and are not to gather at school gates for conversations. Also it asks parents to consider limiting the use of multiple out-of-school setting providers (e.g. after school provision, sports and dance clubs) so that your child is not coming into contact with multiple 'bubbles'.

We know that God loves us; We show it by being loving, honest and respectful.

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The systems within school will be the same as the Autumn Term. Classes will remain in their bubbles and the rota for playtimes and lunch times will also be the same. We are still not allowed to all come together for Collective Worship or singing or to mix bubbles for After School Clubs. So for now there will be no after school clubs running until Easter and we will review this for the Summer Terms. However, I am determined to put on a Summer Show, similar to the Christmas one we did for Year 5 & 6 (which was videoed and sent to parents) and I will try to include choir from Years 3 & 4 if I am allowed and can sort out the logistics.

I have also had a number of emails from concerned parents about their observations of some families who are not obeying lockdown rules. It makes it particularly difficult for parents who are on the front line and doing all they can to keep people safe when some parents are blatantly flouting the rules. We still have some way to go before we are anywhere back to normality and I would ask you to not take the return of children to school as a sign to relax any of the rules that should remain in place.

Please can parents order their child's school lunches before the return to school if you have not already done so. Menu planners for Term 4 are available on our website (under Food For Life – School Lunches) or a paper copy can be collected from the School Office. If you wish to order a hot lunch every day, you can just send an email including your child's name and class confirming your order.

It is World Book Day on **Thursday 4 March** and as usual we are dressing up as our favourite book character. We thought the children at home could join in too if they wish and we will have a social zoom meeting to see each other. So Reception and Year 1 will be sent a link to all join together with Mrs Curzon Tapner, Year 2 and Year 3 with Miss Clark and Year 4, 5 & 6 with their individual class teacher. The links will be sent to you by the teachers.

For those children who have music lessons in school, tuition will recommence from 8 March. SIMS Pay has been updated so that you can pay for the remaining lessons this term. Please note that there will be no string or brass lessons in the final week of Term 4. There will be no charge for hire this term.

Kids' Klobber have asked us to let you know that although they are unable to open their shop at the moment, they are still able to delivery uniform free of charge to your doorstep, or to post it for a small charge. So, if you need any school uniform, please contact them on 01722 321200 or via their Facebook page (Kids Klobber Salisbury).

Finally, If you were given a school laptop on loan to use at home during lockdown, please could you return this to the school office when you drop your child off on Monday 8 March. Thank you.

Sincerely

Karen Walker

Headteacher