

Walworth Primary School

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“Supporting everyone’s emotional wellbeing and mental health, so that they can be listened to, are happy together and ready to learn.”

Wednesday 3rd March 2021

Information for Parents/Carers Re-opening of school from 8th March 2021

You will be aware that schools are due to reopen on Monday 8th March for all pupils. During this reopening school will operate in the same manner as in the Autumn Term i.e. class bubbles. We will also be carrying on with social distancing and maintaining our high expectations of cleanliness throughout the school day. We will continue to encourage the children to hand wash on a regular basis and will be sanitizing equipment and surfaces.

On return to school we will assess the needs of the children and adapt our lessons accordingly as we did in September. We will be focussing on basic skills i.e. reading, phonics, maths and emotional wellbeing. Testing for staff will continue twice weekly until we are advised to stop. Most staff have now received their first Covid vaccination and have dates for their second one.

Mr Wallbanks is currently not at school due to illness. Mr Hope will be Acting Headteacher and Mr Cooke and Miss Bourne will be Acting Deputy Headteachers. We hope to welcome Mr Wallbanks back when he is fit and well.

Class 5 will be opening on Monday 8th March with Miss Curry as the class Teacher and Miss Cliff as her Learning support assistant. We also have two new LSA's starting with us in March one will be based in class 8 and the other based in class 1. We would like to welcome to the team Mrs. Murray (class 8) and Miss Foster (class 1).

Acorn House will continue to remain closed and will be reviewed following Covid guidelines and risk assessment.

Our school kitchen will be operating as normal for all children who have a school meal.

The government has announced that all statutory testing of children has been cancelled for this year. This means that Phonics, Key Stage One SATs, Multiplication tests and Key Stage Two SATs will not now take place. Teachers will continue to do their own assessments and end of year reports will be sent to parents/carers.

As you may be aware we have sadly lost one of our pupils, Tyler Ryan, who passed away in February. This has deeply affected the whole school community. Support will be available for all children as they return to school. If you feel that your child needs additional support then please contact us. As a school we are planning a number of activities over the coming months to remember Tyler and celebrate his life.

Any concerns or questions you may have please do not hesitate to contact school. We are aware this is still a worrying time and wellbeing support for all staff and pupils is available from Rebecca Borrill, our CAMHS worker.

Thank you for your continued support throughout this difficult time.

Yours sincerely

Mr Stephen Hope
Acting Head Teacher



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