



Friday 5th March 2021

Dear families, governors, staff and friends,

Wow! What a wonderful week it has been across the school as we have all enjoyed celebrating World Book Day/Week. We hope that you and your children enjoyed listening to stories, sharing books, reading out loud, guessing who The Masked Readers were, entering our competitions and dressing up, as much as we did. Thank you to all the staff who made the week possible, especially Jenny Guest, our English lead and Elliot Bodman for putting our video together! We hope that this week has sparked an even greater love for reading, hearing stories and creating your own and that this continues – reading as a family, on your own, or sharing a picture book is so important for your child’s education, mental health and imagination.

This week you will have received a letter and guidance giving information on how we will open the school to all children on Monday 8th March. By now, we hope that you will have read it through carefully and have emailed the school if you have any questions. We are really looking forward to opening up all of our classrooms again and welcoming the children back. By working closely with you all, we will be able to keep our school as safe as possible for everyone.

Please remember to bring your face mask or visor with you every day as you will not be allowed on site without one.

Year group	Time and location of arrival	Time and location of collection
Nursery children	Arrive at 9am through Leahurst Rd main gate	Collected at 3pm via Leahurst Rd Main gate
Reception children	Arrive at 9am through Leahurst Rd main gate	Collected at 3pm via Leahurst Rd Main gate
Year 1-6	Children who have a family name beginning A-K arrive between 8:45-9am through the fire gate on Leahurst Rd	Collected at 3pm via Leahurst Rd Fire Gate
Years 1-6	Children who have a family name beginning L-Z arrive between 8:45am and 9am through the fire gate on Longhurst Rd	Collected at 3:15pm via Leahurst Rd Fire Gate
Families with children in Nursery and/or Reception who have children in any other year group in school	Arrive at 9am through Leahurst Rd main gate	Collect your Nursery or Reception child at 3pm and then collect your other children straight afterwards
We know that some families will have children with different surnames. Please use the surname of your eldest child and come at that time to collect all of your children. You must stick with the same time each day.		

Therefore, if your surname is **Porter**, your child will arrive between 8:45-9am at Longhurst Rd and be collected at 3:15pm

If your surname is **Guest**, your child will arrive between 8:45-9am at Leahurst Road and be collected at 3pm

Private Music Lessons

If your child receives private music tuition in school, these lessons will resume again week commencing 8th March. Please make sure they bring their instrument with them to school on the day of their lesson. If you have any questions, please ring the school office.

Comic Relief – Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is back on Friday 19th March and this year it's never felt more important to have some fun and raise money to support people living incredibly tough lives in Africa and the UK. As a school, we hope everyone will **dress in red and donate** what they can on 19th March.

Also, look out for other enjoyable, fundraising opportunities nearer the time.



Rapid Flow Tests for Families

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, **who do not have symptoms**, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

If you have any queries about the tests, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend...and we look forward to seeing all of the children back in school on Monday morning.

Best wishes

Kate Porter and the Brindishe Manor team