

The Round House Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers

I would once again like to thank all the children, parents and carers for their support and hard work over the last few weeks. I appreciate that schooling has been challenging at times, but I am so proud of the way you have all embraced the new routines and technology. It is not long now until all the children can come back to school on 8th March!

There will be another whole school assembly on Monday 1st March at 9.05am and the link for this is:

<https://youtu.be/4RRt5ehTZsQ>

There will be a World Book Day assembly on Thursday 4th March and I hope you will be able to join me at 9.05am. The link for this assembly is:

https://youtu.be/qn1jPU_FOzg

Our SEN Zoom parents evening is taking place on Wednesday 3rd March. If you have received a letter inviting you to make an appointment, please do so via the Arbor Parent Portal or App. If you are unsure how to do this, please contact the school office.

Thank you to the Loves Farm Community Association for their very thoughtful donation of teas, coffees and hot chocolate for the staffroom. They have been very much appreciated by the staff at break times.

I am very much looking forward to seeing all the children back in school on Monday, 8th March however, would like to remind you of the following arrangements that will be in place for everyone's safety. We will still technically be in lockdown until after the Easter holiday, so please ensure that you and your children are aware of the procedures. There will probably be some adjustments to these arrangements after the Easter holidays and we will let you know of these nearer the time.

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Please be aware that parents are not allowed in the school except for exceptional circumstances.

Children in Reception or KS1 should be dropped off and collected by only one adult, who should observe social distancing guidelines at all times and should adhere to the timings and locations for drop off later in this letter. Teachers will not be available to discuss issues on the door, please email any queries to the office and the teacher will get back to you as soon as possible.

To make social distancing easier in the mornings, parents will be asked to leave KS2 children at their allocated gates, where they will be met by members of staff to facilitate their transition into the classroom.

Should you have multiple drop off or collection times you should bring all of your children in at the earliest drop off time and collect them all at the latest time. Please note that children will not be able to leave their class early due to a sibling finishing earlier. This should discourage people from hanging around in the playground.

Should you need to get a message to your child's class teacher, please email or telephone the school office, who will take a message and will arrange for the relevant person to contact you. We would also ask that all bags, water bottles, packed lunches etc. are sent in with your child and not brought to the office later if at all possible.

In the afternoons, children in Years 3 and 4 can be collected from their classrooms (I would ask that parents are respectful of social distancing guidelines and reminders have been placed around the school grounds).

To reduce the number of adults on the school grounds, I would ask, where possible, that the children in Years 5 and 6 be allowed to walk home from school on their own. Please remember to keep to your allocated gate and timings.

All KS2 children can walk home from school on their own so long as they have permission from their parents to do so. Please complete the attached form and email it to office@roundhouse.cambs.sch.uk to give consent if you have not already done so.

Please ensure that every child brings in their own water bottle with them every day. If there is any problem with doing this, please email the school office.

Below is a reminder of the points in my previous letters:

1) Minimise contact with anyone who is unwell by ensuring that individuals who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school.

If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they will be sent home and will be required to be tested for Covid-19. In the event of a positive test, we will follow the advice of Public Health England.

We will actively engage with Track and Trace, so please be aware that these are the definitions of close contact that Public Health England will be using:

- face-to-face contact of any duration (less than 1m away) with the case
- were coughed or sneezed on by the case
- had unprotected physical contact (skin to skin) with case
- spent more than 1 minute within 1m of the case
- spent more than 15 minutes within 2m of the case

2) Clean hands thoroughly more often than usual.

We are already very good at this at The Round House Primary Academy. However, we will continue to facilitate good hand hygiene and will build routines into school culture to promote handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds at various intervals across the school day, particularly but not limited to, after coming into school, after coughing or sneezing, before and after handling or eating food and after going to the toilet.

3) Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.

The children will be encouraged to use this approach, when coughing, sneezing and blowing noses, any tissues used will be disposed of into lidded bins in the classrooms.

4) Introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents and bleach.

Over the course of the school day, staff will ensure that surfaces and equipment are cleaned thoroughly. The children will be provided with a plastic wallet containing pencils, a rubber, a pencil sharpener, a ruler, some coloured pencils, scissors and a glue stick. These items will stay in school.

Children may bring in book bags. All Children should come into school in their P.E. kit on the day P.E. will take place (you will be advised which day P.E. will take place next week). This will change after Easter.

5) Minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing where possible.

Children will be in a 'bubble' which will consist of their year group. Interaction and contact between bubbles will be minimised during the school day but within the bubbles, we will not ask the children to socially distance themselves. Equipment may be shared but will be cleaned more thoroughly after use. Adults will attempt to stay 2m away from other adults in school and will try to keep their distance from children as much as possible. This will allow staff to move around and teach in different bubbles, helping to ensure that all pupils will benefit from their specialisms and our curriculum can be as broad and exciting as ever.

Elsewhere in school, groups will be kept apart and movement around the site will be kept to a minimum. Large gatherings such as assemblies or parent events will not be permitted. Nor will we run teacher led after school clubs at this time. There will be staggered break and lunchtimes. Hot school dinners will be provided for those that require them. Not all children will be able to eat their lunch in the hall, due to social distancing guidelines, however we are endeavouring to ensure that lunchtimes are as seamless as before.

6) Where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)

The majority of staff will not require PPE beyond what they would normally need for their work. However, in very small cases including where a young person becomes ill with coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms whilst at school, and if a distance of 2m cannot be maintained, staff may don full PPE to support them.

Timings

Please find the timings for the school day below. We would ask you to adhere to these as much as possible, so that we can avoid congestion at the school gates. Only one adult per child and please avoid bringing additional children where possible.

There are white lines both on the playground and outside the school at 2m intervals, please use these as a guide when dropping off and picking up your child/children.

<u>EYFS Gate</u> (near Pre-school)	<u>Main Gate</u> (Oliver Way)	<u>Year 6 gate</u> (near the office)
EYFS - 9.00	Y4 – 8.55	Y6 – 8.40
Y1 – 8.40	Y3 – 8.40	Y5 – 8.55
	Y2 – 8.55	

EYFS Gate (near Pre-school)	Main Gate (Oliver Way)	Year 6 gate (near the office)
EYFS – 3.15	Y4 – 3.30	Y6 – 3.15
Y1 – 3.05	Y3 – 3.15	Y5 – 3.30
	Y2 – 3.30	

Breakfast and after school club

We are able to offer breakfast and after school club in Magpies, it would be helpful if you could please let us know as soon as possible if you will be needing Magpies sessions so that we can ensure that we have the appropriate staffing levels. A booking form for after Easter will also be issued in the next couple of weeks. The children in Magpies will be in two bubbles a EYFS/KS1 Bubble and a KS2 Bubble.

Reading books

We will continue to send reading books home with your child but these will be cleaned more regularly and will be stored for a few days between home and school.

Outdoor playground equipment

Outdoor playground equipment will be used but will be cleaned thoroughly and frequently. Any outdoor equipment must only be used when supervised and should not be used by children and families before and after school

If you have any queries about any of these measures, please contact the school office.

I am looking forward to seeing all the children on Monday 8th March.

Please continue to stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Tracy Bryden

Executive Headteacher

On behalf of The Round House Primary Academy (part of TDLPT)

To: The Round House Primary Academy, School Drive, St Neots,
Cambridgeshire, PE19 6AW

I hereby authorise my child:

Class:

To walk home from school at the end of each school day.

Signed: Date:

Print Name: