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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Re: Plans for re-opening to all pupils from 8th March 2021

As you are aware, the Government have announced that all schools should fully open from 8th March. This means that the expectation is that all children return to school. We are delighted by this news, as I am sure you all are, too.

I am re-sending the information below, to remind parents, guardians and families about the arrangements for both before and after school. Although things are looking more positive now, it is really important that we work together to keep everyone safe. All lockdown arrangements have not yet been lifted so we must continue to follow the guidelines.

Your child's safety is our main priority, and we are following government and local authority guidelines really closely to ensure that our community is kept as safe as possible. The pupils will return to school and plans are in place to prevent children mixing, where possible. We have been using the protective bubble concept for some time now.

As the Government suggests, we are staggering the school day so that pupils, within one bubble arrive together and leave at the same - this also prevents large groups of parents and carers being on the site at the same time. We appreciate that this is going to be tricky for parents, especially with more than one child; however, we have to be strict about timings and about which gate to use. We therefore ask for your patience and understanding as we try to manage keeping over 630 pupils in separate bubbles for their own safety, and so we can keep our school open. We hope that this will be a temporary arrangement but we will be guided by government advice and we will keep you updated. Please note that only one person, per household, is permitted to collect children, and children from high school will not be able to come on to the school site.

Pupils in Reception to Year Six will be dropped off, at a set time, using the specified entrance below. Collection times have also been staggered, to prevent mixing. Please see below for these arrangements.

Parents and carers will not be entering the classroom or the school building; please telephone or email the school if you need to communicate with us.

It is the adult to adult transmission that puts staff and other parents at risk so we are asking all parents to respect and adhere to 1m+ social distancing, ALL of the time, for your own safety. Coronavirus is rare in children so we need to minimise adult contact to mitigate the risk of the virus spreading. We do not want an outbreak of Covid-19 in our community. We also ask that all adults coming onto the site wear a face covering, unless they have a medical exemption. Please wear your exemption badge, if you have one, to avoid any confusion.

TfL have asked that we also stagger school days so that the public transport system can cope, and we encourage you to walk or cycle to school. We have rejected Ealing Council's offer to close the streets near our school gates as we do not think this will help our relations with our local neighbours. However, please take more care than usual as there will be more families and children waiting near



school gates to enter school. As you will not be able to enter with other bubbles, you must arrive to school on time. The table below details what time you will be able to drop off and collect your child and which entrance you should be using. Please observe social distancing with other parents.

| Year Group | Drop off time | Parents to come in via | Parents to exit via | Pick up time | Parents to come in via | Parents to exit via |
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| Nursery (am) | 8.40am | Greenway Gardens | Greenway Gardens | 11.40am | Greenway Gardens | Greenway Gardens |
| Nursery (pm) | 12.30pm | Greenway Gardens | Greenway Gardens | 3.30pm | Greenway Gardens | Greenway Gardens |
| Reception | 8.40am | Greenway Gardens | Greenway Gardens | 3.00pm | Greenway Gardens | Greenway Gardens |
| Y1 | 8.40am | Greenway Gardens | Rosedene Avenue | 3.00pm | Greenway Gardens | Rosedene Avenue |
| Y2 | 8.45am | Greenway Gardens | Greenway Gardens | 3.10pm | Greenway Gardens | Rosedene Avenue |
| Y3 | 8.45am | Rosedene Avenue | Rosedene Avenue | 3.20pm | Rosedene Avenue | Rosedene Avenue |
| Y4 | 8.45am | Rosedene Avenue | Rosedene Avenue | 3.20pm | Greenway Gardens | Greenway Gardens |
| Y5 | 8.45am | Children to come in via Greenway Gardens. No parents to come on site please | No parents to come on site please | 3.25pm | Rosedene Avenue | Rosedene Avenue |
| Y6 | 8.45am | Children to come in via Greenway Gardens No parents to come on site please | No parents to come on site please | 3.30pm children leaving via Rosedene Avenue | No parents to come on site please | No parents to come on site please |

For parents who have more than one child attending the school (not including Nursery children), please follow the timings above for your youngest child, e.g. if you have a child in Year 2 and Year 4, you will need to follow the drop off arrangements for your Year 2 child, for both of your children. However, for the collection time, you would need to collect your Year 2 child first and then remain on the playground, collect your Year 4 child at the time listed above and then exit the site, via the gate listed above for Year 4 parents. We will not be able to allow children to be released early.

If you have a child in Reception and in other year groups, please collect your older children first and then collect your Reception child. This should prevent the need to wait for long periods of time with very young children.

Thank you for your co-operation – we know it is an inconvenience, but there can be no exceptions. We really want to get all pupils back into school safely, and hopefully these arrangements will be temporary.

Pupils will come back to school in full school uniform and continue to wear their PE kit on their PE days.



School lunches will resume as normal. If you pay for your child's school lunch, please check that you have sufficient funds on your account before they return.

The Blossom Tree club and after school sports clubs will start from 8th March. A separate letter will be sent to you re: registering and payment.

It is crucial that if your child is displaying symptoms of coronavirus, you get them tested. All pupils and parents can access testing for free. **YOU MUST NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY DISPLAY ANY SYMPTOMS.** You must inform the school if you are accessing testing as we will need to know the results of the test. If you or your child is contacted through the NHS Test and Trace then you must follow all their instructions and inform the school immediately.

We are pleased that throughout lockdown we have remained partially open, kept pupils safe and offered childcare to key workers throughout; we have really valued your appreciation of this too. You have done a wonderful job (and we know it is hard work – well done!) at supporting your child at home, but we have missed your children so much. We need them back at school with us so we can teach them, and we know that they will be thrilled to be with their friends and classmates.

Teachers will continue to provide daily, live lessons, via Google Classroom, so please continue to log on as you have been doing until the 8th March.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. L. Lobo
Head Teacher

