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### Spring Term 2021

4<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents,

On behalf of Tynsel Parkes CE Primary Academy and all the Team, I would like to wish you and your families a very Happy New Year.

Over the Christmas break, there has been a lot of media coverage about the reopening of schools for January. We intend to open as planned on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021. We have put into place a very robust risk assessment and will continue to ensure the school remains as safe as possible. Please let me stress that your child's health and wellbeing are our number one priority - we care about every member of our community.

**However, you should not send your child to school if you or anyone in your household is displaying symptoms of coronavirus.**

Any positive COVID 19 cases should be reported immediately by email to [office@tynselparkesacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@tynselparkesacademy.co.uk). We are monitoring this inbox and therefore we will pick up your message out of hours. Please use the subject line "Positive COVID Test".

We will continue to inform families as soon as possible if bubbles will be closed so that you can put the necessary arrangements in place. Sometimes we will have to make the precautionary decision of closing bubbles until we can get advice from Public Health England.

If anyone in your household is displaying symptoms of COVID, **all the household needs to isolate**, children cannot attend school, a test is required for the person with symptoms.

Please could we also remind parents that if your child is unwell they shouldn't attend school, **if they have any of the symptoms below we advise them to get a test:**

- Persistent cough

- High Temperature
- Loss of taste or smell
- Headaches
- Aches and Pains
- Feeling very tired for no good reason
- Sore Throat
- Runny Nose
- Sneezing
- Tummy Ache

**A reminder of what your child will need to bring to school:**

- All pupils will wear full uniform following our policy, children to wear sensible footwear. Please ensure the children have warm clothing even in these winter months ventilation will be paramount, windows will be open. (**Label all clothing** - we do not want clothing to get mixed up at this time.)
- A filled water bottle with your child's name clearly labelled- this will go home daily to be washed and brought back for the following day. We kindly ask that the bottle is filled with water and not juice.
- You will not be able to enter the school office at this time - all communications will be over the phone or via email to aid with social distancing.
- Children will not be able to bring any of their toys from home to school due to health and safety reasons.
- All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal. Please order any school lunches for children through the school grid website.

**TP:**

- The TP, our before school wrap-around provision, will be reopening from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.
- Staff will ensure all the rigorous cleaning and routines are put in place in this facility to ensure the safety of your children.
- Ensure that payment is made to your Parent Pay account before the sessions take place.

**Staggered start times and one way systems:**

- The one-way system will continue to remain in place to help minimise the pinch points around the entrances to the playground.
- Only **one parent/carer** to bring and collect your child to and from school, to avoid congestion on the playgrounds. Children from other schools should not

enter the school site (even if your child's school remains closed at this time, if this is not possible please speak to me about your individual circumstances.)

- **To comply with social distancing rules, we ask parents not to arrive at school early and leave promptly.** Last term parents were arriving too early and this caused congestion in and around the school, your child will not be marked late at this time, please do not worry about this.
- **We also ask parents to leave the yard promptly.** We are now in Tier 4, where groups should not mix outdoors and we politely ask you not to congregate on the yards or outside the school gates.
- **All adults to wear face coverings on the school premises.**
- Unfortunately at this time, you will not be able to talk to your child's class teacher at the start or end of the day, due to social distancing rules. If you have something urgent to tell the staff please inform the office, through email or by phoning the office and the message will be passed on. You can also contact your child's class teacher through the year group email system.

Below are the staggered times of the day - please ensure social distancing at all times and keep your child with you at all times. **Children should not be running across the playgrounds, playing on the tyres or the trim trail at this time.** Thank you for supporting us with these measures to ensure social distancing for all.

<b><u>Year Group</u></b>	<b><u>Arrive at School for</u></b>	<b><u>Arrive to collect children</u></b>
Nursery	8:30am	2:55pm
Reception	8:45am	3:05pm
Year 1	8:40am	3:00pm
Year 2	8:50am	3:05pm
Year 3	8:50am	3:10pm
Year 4	8:45am	3:05pm

Finally, I would like to assure you that we will do our utmost to provide a safe and caring environment for your children and hope that you support us with the points outlined above.

Thank you for your continued support, please stay safe and look after yourselves.

Best wishes,

Rachel Chandler

Principal