



2 March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are safe and well. You will by now be aware of the government's announcement that schools will open fully in England from **Monday 8 March**. Whilst we know that for the vast majority of you this will be a very welcome development, we also appreciate that for some it may also be a worrying time. **Nonetheless, the government is clear that attendance is once again mandatory**, so if you have any concerns about your child returning to school, it is important that you discuss these with us as soon as possible.

Across the Trinity Trust, each school has its own risk assessment in place. These detail the list of controls and protective measures in place to ensure they can operate as safely as possible, and we have spent the last week reviewing and updating them. Whilst it is important to remember that for most children, Covid-19 is a very mild illness, children can still carry the virus and pass it on to others, even if they have no symptoms at all. **That is why our protective measures in school will remain in place for the time being.**

We all know that it is very important that all children return to face-to-face learning and are able to benefit from the social and emotional aspects of school, along with their academic work and we are committed to ensuring we welcome all our pupils back in an orderly and safe environment. More information with regard to our plans, expectation for parents/carers (if dropping them off) and for the pupils/students themselves etc are detailed below. The full Risk Assessment can be found on the website <https://akroydon.trinitymat.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/RISK-ASSESSMENT-COVID-TAA-01.03.21.pdf>

Finally, I would like to extend a genuine 'thank you' for the support you have continued to show us in these most demanding of times. Messages of thanks have been gratefully received by teaching and support staff alike, and of course your role as 'home educators' has been instrumental in helping us to maintain a thorough educational experience, albeit remotely in the majority of cases.

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Bubbles

Children will be in their usual class (approximately 30 pupils), meaning that your child is with the same group of children all day, every day.

Drop-off and collection times

We will continue to stagger the drop-off and collection times with the overriding aim to reduce contact between different classes. Each year group will be able to arrive and leave at the same time (see table below).

Class	Teacher	Drop-off	Collection
Acorns	Mrs Gibson	9.00am Nursery door	2.55pm Nursery door
Alder	Miss Halliday	8.30am Grantham Road gate	3.00pm Grantham Road gate
Ash	Miss Cross	8.30am Grantham Road gate	3.00pm Grantham Road gate
Birch	Mrs Farmer	8.35am Grantham Road gate	3.05pm Grantham Road gate
Elm	Miss Tonge	8.40am Grantham Road gate	3.10pm Grantham Road gate
Hawthorn	Miss Slingsby	8.40am Grantham Road gate	3.10pm Grantham Road gate
Hazel	Mr Carberry	8.45am Grantham Road gate	3.15pm Grantham Road gate
Holly	Mr Watkins	8.45am Grantham Road gate	3.15pm Grantham Road gate
Juniper	Miss Brindley	8.50am Grantham Road gate	3.20pm Grantham Road gate
Linden	Mr Hansen	8.50am Grantham Road gate	3.20pm Grantham Road gate
Maple	Miss Parnell	8.55am Grantham Road gate	3.25pm Grantham Road gate
Oak	Miss Gatehouse	8.55am Grantham Road gate	3.25pm Grantham Road gate
Willow	Miss Atwal	9.00am Grantham Road gate	3.30pm Grantham Road gate
Yew	Miss Lawton / Mr Severn	9.00am Grantham Road gate	3.30pm Grantham Road gate

- Please ensure you follow the times indicated above – they are in place for the safety of pupils and staff.
- Please do not congregate at the gates and maintain a social distance of 2m between families – only one parent/carer to drop-off and collect, please.
- Please continue to wear a face covering when approaching the school gates.
- Siblings can be dropped off and collected at the same time as the youngest child.



Uniform

Please remind yourselves of the uniform expectations by revisiting our uniform guide. <https://akroydon.trinitymat.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/TAA-Uniform-guidance.pdf> We expect the usual high standards of uniform and thank you for supporting this. **Please note uniform with our new logo will be available to purchase soon ahead of the new academic year. More information to follow.**

Lunches

We will be able to provide hot school meals as usual. Your child will return to the meal pattern in place prior to lockdown. For those bringing packed lunches, please follow this link to the Packed Lunch Policy. <https://akroydon.trinitymat.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/MAT-Packed-Lunch-Policy-for-primary-FINALp-2019.pdf>

Routines

We imagine you are into a well-established routine with home learning now, but it could support your child by starting to build in a routine that mirrors next week. Where necessary, start to re-establish bedtime routines and setting an alarm for the morning. Well-rested children will find it much easier to adjust to their return to school.

Breakfast Club and After-School Club

Both clubs are available to book via MyChildatSchool. Extra-curricular activities will continue to be postponed until further notice.

Book bags, PE kits, reading books and homework planners

Your child will be able to bring these to and from school.

Cleaning and hygiene

The classrooms and all areas of the school (surfaces, tables, chairs, door handles, equipment and toilets) will be cleaned regularly throughout the school day and a timetable is in place for this. Children will be reminded to wash or gel their hands regularly. In addition to this, there will be hand sanitiser in each classroom and in other areas of the school, including outside.

School Office

The school office remains closed to parents/carers for the time being. If you need to contact school, please do not hesitate to ring or email and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Child feeling unwell

If your child feels unwell while at school, we will make sure that you are contacted straight away, so that you can collect him/her. Please remember that if your child is unwell and displaying any Covid-19 symptoms, or if someone in your household is displaying symptoms, you have a responsibility not to send him/her to school. It is also important that you inform the school if your child or anyone in your household tests positive for Covid-19 asap.

Laptops

On Monday 8 March during drop off and collection, a trolley will be located in the playground for you to drop off any loaned laptops borrowed during lockdown. Please return these in a plastic bag, labelled with your child's name.

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Be positive!

If you think the return to school is something to be excited about, so will your child. Please contact school if you have any worries about the full reopening - we are here to help. Attendance is mandatory for all pupils from Monday and we really are delighted to be able to welcome them back.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A McNally
Principal

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