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Dear Parent and Carers,

Return to School for all Pupils Monday 8th March

I wanted to start by reiterating how proud we are of the amazing way that children have engaged with their remote learning and how grateful we are for the support you have given your children throughout this incredibly challenging national lockdown. We are also very proud of the wonderful attitude displayed throughout by pupils who have been attending school.

Thank you to all of you who completed the Remote Learning Questionnaire, the responses were incredibly positive. With 84% of respondents agreeing or strongly agreeing that they were satisfied with the remote learning provision and 97% either satisfied or extremely satisfied with the support provided by the academy. We appreciate your feedback.

Since the Prime Minister made his announcement that **all** pupils will return to school on Monday 8th March, we have been busy ensuring that the academy is fully prepared. The risk assessment has been revised in line with Government guidance and planning is in place for the 3 weeks before the Easter Break which will support all pupils with both their academic learning and their well-being.

We are aware that sadly, some of our families have lost loved ones during this time and we wanted to extend our condolences and ask that if you have been bereaved and we are not aware that you please let us know so we can ensure children are able to access additional support if needed.

Testing

All academy Staff now have the option to test themselves, at home, for COVID19 twice a week using the rapid LFD tests which give results in 30 minutes. The government is also encouraging all households with primary age children, and their childcare and support bubbles, to start regular twice-weekly testing. As with staff, this testing is encouraged but not mandatory. A secondary PCR test will be required for positive LFD tests, which are taken at home. Please note if you develop COVID19 symptoms you should book a PCR test as usual and stay at home. The lateral flow tests for families will be available at the Dinnington test site, however you may need to book an appointment so please contact them first for further details : LFTtestcentre@rotherham.gov.uk LFD test are not available from the academy for families.

Laptops

If your child/ren have been loaned a laptop by TJA during lockdown, you should now return it. Please remember to also return the cable. Laptops should be sent with your child from the 8th March, we will send an email to confirm safe return.



All adults in school have a responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

Uniform

The wearing of smart trousers, knee length skirt/pinafore, shirts, tie and blazer as described in the academy Dress Code will be expected, however we are aware that some pupils may have outgrown their school shoes during lockdown. Whilst school clothing is still readily available in supermarkets and from the academy, we appreciate that some children may be more challenging to find suitable black school shoes for and so children may come to school in trainers if you are unable to purchase suitable footwear. Trainers should be black if possible, non-essential retail is due to reopen on 12th April and so we will expect that from 19th April all pupils will be wearing appropriate black shoes. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please contact myself.

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Breakfast Club and After School Club

Parents and Carers are asked to contact the academy via info@thurcroftacademy.org to request a Breakfast Club or After School Club place, if you have not already done so. Please state days required and name/s of pupils. Priority will be given to working families, particularly key workers who should advise of their circumstances. The provision will be childcare rather than enrichment activities. The provision will be reviewed after Easter.

The following arrangements will be in place for Breakfast Club from **Monday 8th March**:

- Pupils must be pre-booked into Breakfast club
- Pupils will be seated in class bubbles which will be two metres apart.
- Pupils will be escorted to class at the start of the school day.

After School Club provision will be as follows from **Monday 8th March**:

- After School provision Monday to Thursday till 4pm
- Within the hall, pupils will be seated in class bubbles which will be two metres apart.
- Pupils will remain seated, activities will be at the table and will be a variety of board games, drawing and colouring, Laptops/Tablets.

What to bring to School

Essential items only brought to school in a named bag, planner, reading book, PE Kit, water bottle, and a lunchbox if required. These items must be taken home at the end of each school day. To reduce the risk of infection for both pupils and staff, children should **avoid bringing phones** to school wherever possible.

Tuck Shop

There will be no tuck shop so pupils **must** bring a named water bottle (water only no juice or squash) and may bring a **healthy** snack (fruit, cereal bar, plain popcorn, etc) to eat at morning break.

Dinners

The school kitchen is open for hot meals and sandwiches as before. Dinners cost £2.05 per day. Please send lunch money in a named envelope with your child.

Arrival & Departure

Times are staggered; Y3 and Y4 pupils must be brought and collected by one known adult. Y5 and Y6 pupils may arrive and leave unaccompanied. **All year groups must stick to their allocated time – please do not arrive either early or late and leave the yard immediately you have collected or left your child.** The one-way system will be in place. Enter the yard via the main gate on Green Arbour Road, you are asked to maintain 2m social distance at all times whilst on the yard and are encouraged to wear masks. Once you have dropped/collected your child we ask you then exit via the bottom small gate onto School Road immediately. Parents are asked not to enter the academy building. If you have a query or concern this needs to be shared with the staff on the yard or over the phone/via email.

If you have any questions or concerns about children returning on 8th March please do not hesitate to contact me via phone during school hours or via email.

Yours Sincerely
Ruth Stone
Principal

Staggered start and Finish times

YEAR GROUP	Start time	Pick-up time
Year 6	8:30	3:15
Year 5	8:30	3:10
Year 4	8:35	3:05
Year 3	8:40	3:00

Please note if you have more than one child in school then please bring all children to the youngest child's time slot and collect all children at the youngest child's time slot.