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Learning together, as we journey with God in Love, we act with Integrity, treat others with Dignity and grow in Confidence.

Dear Families,

25th of February, 2021

Re. The return to school on 8th of March 2021- 31st of March 2021

School will re- open to all children and staff on the 8th of March and we are looking forward to it!

As you will know, we are working on our latest plans in the background. In the first instance, we need to plan for the three and a half weeks up to Easter, and hope to publish those to you by Monday at the latest.

Please note that in our plans we will be continuing to work as safely as possible and that we will be seeking to minimise contact and touch wherever possible. **For everyone's wellbeing, we must all continue to be strict in upholding safety measures and abiding by them.** Staggered start and finish times will still exist, *though times may alter*, based on our experiences of the autumn term. The *learning time is statutory* and will of course remain the same, even if the start and finish times change – because we are also altering play and lunch times based on what we learnt in the autumn.

Although teachers have been holding Google Meets with children twice daily, we will still be asking you for information about how your child has been in the Lockdown from your perspective and if there is anything you think we need to know especially before we return. This will be a Google form. **Please complete it by Monday 1st of March at 9a.m. so that we can collate it and act on the information next week.**

<https://forms.gle/CAMy4wWgo4hnDvAZ6>

When we are clear what our plans are, staff will start to explain the new plans to the children on Google Meets next week and start to prepare the children for the return. We will also be putting some individual preparation plans in place for some children. When we return, please be assured that staff will use the first few days to focus on wellbeing and re-establishing school routines, in a similar way that they did in the autumn.

As you know, in the autumn we worked hard on re-establishing learning routines and working out gaps in learning for the children... and now we have to do it all again. Children will have a writing assessment in the first week back, then reading and Maths assessments in the second week back. In the third week, staff will be making plans to meet needs, ready for after Easter.

On the 29th and 30th of March there will an opportunity for an online parents' meeting with teachers, as we did in the autumn. From Wed 25th of March – Tuesday 30th of March we will have a creative art week, all about Easter, to finish the term.

Chrome Books – ironically, the remainder of our chrome book order arrived, on Friday 12th of February, just as we were finishing for half term! The chrome books have been incredibly useful and we will move forward with our plans.



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On the 8th of March, we will ask that ALL chrome books that have been loaned are returned to school, with the chargers and with the cases. Children will hand them to their teacher.

We have had a letter about the new chrome books ready to be sent, since the autumn term. By now, many of you have already signed the acceptable use policy and online agreements, which is part of the letter which will go to you on the return to school and must be in place before new chrome books are issued. It was also always our plan to ask parents for a contribution to the chrome book each year. It has cost us an investment of approximately £80,000 for the three years to lease the chrome books, so while we are committed to this and are certain that this investment is worthwhile, we would also appreciate the voluntary contributions where it is possible for families to give it.

Each child will have a chrome book in the future, in line with our school vision. Chrome books will be used to build, retain and use knowledge, in line with our curriculum intent: that children know more, remember more and can use their knowledge in their learning. More of that another time!

We will need to know who needs Breakfast Club and After School Club. **Please consider these carefully, regarding whether they are really needed, and the minimum times they will be needed, so that we keep contact time to a minimum.** Depending on numbers, if we cannot accommodate everyone, we will need to make follow up phone calls.

Bookings MUST be made in advance on <https://holytrinitycofe.schoolcloud.co.uk/> . The cost per session for Breakfast Club is £3.75 before 8am and £3.25 after 8am. The cost per session for Kick London After School Club is £8.90 for up to the first hour i.e. depending on your child's finish time 3pm - 4pm, 3:05pm – 4:05pm or 3:10pm - 4:10pm. The full session charge of £13.30 will apply for any time after the first hour.

Before Christmas, most had made decisions about packed lunches and dinners for the term. We will presume that this remains the same unless you let Mrs. Mowle know via the school office by Monday 1st of March 2021 at 9 a.m.

Attached are some links which families may find useful as the Lockdown and restrictions stay in place until they are able to finish in line with 'The Roadmap'. We hope they are useful.

<https://www.suttonuplift.co.uk/>

<https://www.sutton.gov.uk/covid-19/children-and-families-services>

We are all looking forward to working back to what we know as more normal ways of life. We are certainly looking forward to seeing the children back in school. We will be in touch with more detail as soon as we can.

Thank you again for your support.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Gruffydd
Headteacher