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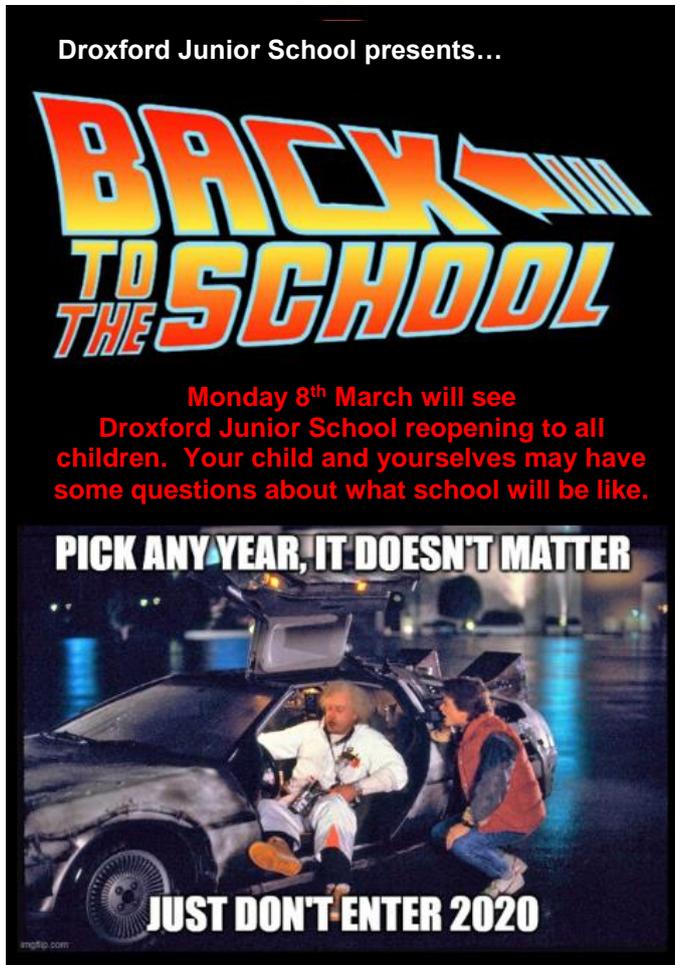
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Dear Parents and Carers



Monday sees the full reopening of our school again. This is great news – just what we all want. However, children and parents have a few questions and some people might be a little anxious (as well as excited) and wish to be reassured.

What we are sure of is that virus hasn't gone away and we must all be as diligent and careful as ever.

We are still being diligent with hand hygiene and keeping distances where possible. This means that school is very similar to the Autumn term, before Christmas – the point of this letter is reminding us all as it is so easy to forget – we have had meetings to remind ourselves in school this week!

One thing that is different that children will notice is that adults will be wearing masks at times. Not always, but the government have now advised (in the same way as staff are testing at home) that until Easter, where we cannot socially distance in corridors between adults and communal areas, we should wear masks.

So a run through of the day....

#### Before school

- Buses are running as per normal – children sit in 3 / 4 & 5 / 6 designated areas on the bus. Masks don't need to be worn but the driver will wear theirs.
- Julia Lovejoy Brinkman will be back crossing families and children on the A32 again and Mr Vardy on Police Station Lane junction. (I will assist again whenever needed)
- If you are driving and parking in the village please avoid The Park and definitely not the garages. Park next to the fire station or in the square and one adult walk, if necessary, to school.
- Please avoid driving up to school unless really needing to.
- Children enter the school by the side gate as normal – the left hand side for Years 3 / 4 and the right hand side for Years 5 / 6.
- Years 5 / 6 will go straight into their normal Learning Bases straight away and 3 / 4 will stay on playground in their 'zones' – teachers will be on duty to advise in the mornings.
- Please do not send in children before 8:30.
- We are running our Breakfast Club still!
- Year 3 / 4 teachers will meet their classes on the playground and go in quietly, in a line.



## During the day

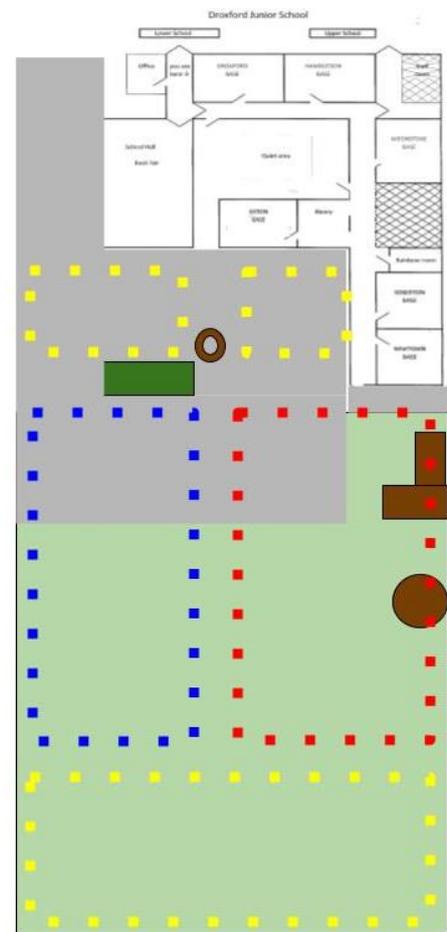
- Children need to bring in water bottles as per normal and take them home on Fridays to be cleaned. They can take them home daily if they wish.
- School dinner menu starts on Week 1 as of Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.
- Packed lunches are stored on the trolleys as normal.
- If your child has PE they come in to school in their kit. Keep an eye on the weather and ensure some warmer clothes are worn over the top. It's still cold!
- Windows in classrooms and corridors are still open to ensure good ventilation – if it is very cold we will be sensible, don't worry.
- The lessons and curriculum is as it normally is. We are allowed to be flexible with our curriculum at the moment so we may have more 'catch up' sessions in Maths or English from time to time if needed. We may also have more Personal Development Learning (PDL) lessons at times.
- The first day will be all about reintegration, fun and creativity. Lots of fun, friendship activities with a huge slice of art lessons!

## Breaktimes and lunchtimes

- As the weather improves we will be on the school field more often.
- Year 3 / 4 have their own breaktime slot at 10:05 with time to go to the toilet and 5 / 6 at 10:25.
- We have zoned out the areas where children will have part of the field and the playground and there will be equipment for all to use. These zones maybe rotated in the future. The central corridor is how the yellow zones are accessed.
- Lunchtimes are the same as the Autumn term as well. Year 3 / 4 eat first – in class (packed lunches) and in the hall for school dinners. Year 5 / 6 are outside playing. Then they swap. This gives 30 minutes to eat and 30 minutes to play.
- With the 50 minutes of play a day, the 2 hours of PE – some afternoon learning breaks and the possibility of joining after school clubs, children have lots of opportunity for physical activity, socialising and play in a socially distanced safe way.

## After school

- We will running our 'Exit registers' as normal – whereby children let us know (and remind themselves) if they are going home by bus, on their 'own' (which could mean with family) or staying for a club.
- Mr Banham has sent out club details already – a Google form needs to be completed to ensure a place is allocated.
- We are pleased to announce that from April 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> there will be a multi-sports fun Easter club (led by Mr Banham) running at Droxford Junior School. Details have gone out this week.



Hopefully this answers all the questions you may have, if not please don't hesitate to contact the school. Thank you for all your support and 'hats off' to all of you, for once again, coping with a lot, in such difficult times. Finally, a big thank you to all the Droxford staff for their amazing efforts, hard work and adaptability during these two months. We are all looking forward to Monday very much!

Yours Sincerely

Matthew Dampier  
Headteacher

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