



Shelton Junior School

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Full reopening of school from 8th March

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I am sure you will have seen (maybe some of you with a sigh of relief!) that Boris Johnson has announced that schools will reopen for all children from 8th March. From this date, school attendance will return to being mandatory unless your child:

- has COVID symptoms or recent positive result;
- lives with someone who has symptoms or tested positive;
- has been in close contact of someone who has COVID.

If this is the case then they should not come to school. Please contact school to let us know.

At Shelton, we will be delighted to welcome everyone back and will continue to offer remote learning alongside the children in class to any child who has to self-isolate due to household symptoms/positive test.

It is worth saying that we must all remain vigilant and all our safety precautions in school will return. Children will remain in their class bubbles, will wash hands more regularly than normal, teaching areas will be well ventilated, cleaning will happen more regularly and classrooms will be arranged differently. We will only be accepting essential visitors to the school site and appointments must be made. If you do need to come to school please let us know first. We are all available on the phone, e-mail and Dojo so get in touch remotely if you can.

In the coming months, if any child in a class bubble tests positive for COVID then the whole groups must self-isolate so during the this period of time ensuring we all continue to follow the social distancing guidelines will be vital.

To limit contacts, we will maintain the staggered start and end of the day as well as staggering break and lunchtimes. Children should attend school at these times:

Year 3/4: **9:00am** (arrive from 8:50am) – **3:30pm**

Year 5/6: **8:45am** (arrive from 8:35am) – **3:15pm**

(If you have siblings in different year groups then both children may be dropped at the earlier time.)

Learning for year 5/6 starts promptly at 8.50am so please ensure your child is in school from 8.45am.

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A few things to remember:

- Please maintain distance when collecting and dropping off, do not gather at the gates and wear a face covering when on the playground. Primary aged children are not advised to wear masks in school.
- To limit the number of people on site, only 1 adult should collect children please.
- Please do not use the playground toilets – these are cleaned in between each group that use them to avoid potential spread of COVID.
- If your child has been loaned a laptop, these should now be returned to school on 8th March. We will make these available for children and bubbles who have to self-isolate in the coming months.
- Children should attend in their usual uniform. It might be worth trying it on to make sure it still fits! On PE days, children should wear PE uniform – do not bring PE kits to school. Uniform and PE uniform is all listed on the website (www.sheltonj.derby.sch.uk/parents/school-uniform) and all items are easily available from supermarkets or online. We will contact you if your child does not wear the correct uniform.
- Our cloakrooms are very small and in normal times are shared by several classes. We may need to keep all children's coats and bags elsewhere, so please do not send children to school with extra bags or equipment. Hats and sun cream can stay in your child's drawer in their class.
- Breakfast club will re-start from 8th March, please book as usual using the Teachers2Parents app.
- As you know, we have cancelled sports clubs, trips and swimming for the remainder of this academic year. These will all re-start from September.
- School dinners will be available from 8th March, please book as usual using the Teachers2Parents app. We will be on week 2 of the menu and orders can be placed now. If your child has Free School Meals, these must also be ordered using the app.

I would like to thank everyone once again for your amazing support for Shelton during the latest lockdown. I think that we have shown that by working together, even when we're apart, we can achieve the best for our children despite the incredibly difficult circumstances we've faced. My virtual door is always open so feel free to contact me on Dojo or on the phone if you have any comments or feedback.

As we move to the next part of the journey and children return to school, I hope that we can continue to work together to support all of our children to be the very best they can be.

Yours sincerely,



Jon Bacon
Headteacher

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