Thursday 25th February 2021

Dear Parents / Carers

Important – Return to School on 8th March for All Children

On Monday, Boris Johnson announced that schools will physically reopen to all children from Monday 8th March. This is great news and the staff are really looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school.

Procedures and safety measures in school will be the same as they were before we went into lockdown and it is vitally important that we all follow and adhere to these at all times to keep ourselves and each other as safe as possible. When dropping off or collecting your child, remember:

✓ To wear a face covering at all times when on the school site (unless you have an exemption.) Parents not doing so will be challenged by staff.
✓ To socially distance from other adults and families when on the school site. Wait in the correct area and please do not crowd under the shelters or in other areas.
✓ Only one parent / adult comes onto site to drop-off or collect your child. This is to reduce the number of adults in a confined space. Please wait for your child in the correct line and using the floor markings to help you socially distance. Don’t congregate or wait near gates or on paths that need to be kept clear.
✓ To follow the one-way system into and out of school and be on time to drop-off and collect your child. This is important so that we can stop different groups of children and adults from mixing.
✓ To leave the school leave the site as quickly as possible once you have collected your children.

Reminder of timings and entrances / exits:

Drop off
8.40am  Reception  (junior hall and EYFS entrance)  
        Year 2  (Y2 ramp for 2F + 2S, Y2 stairs for 2B + 2HW)

8.50am  Year 1  (Y1 ramp on the playground)
        Year 3  (junior stairs)
        Year 6  (Y6 entrance / stairs)

9.00am  Nursery  (Nursery entrance)
        Year 4  (junior stairs)
        Year 5  (Y6 entrance / stairs)

Collection
3.00pm  Nursery  (EYFS)
        Reception  (lined up on the playground - right)
        Year 1  (lined up on the playground - left)
        Year 2  (Y2 ramp for 2F + 2S, staffroom for 2B, Y2 stairs for 2HW)

3.10pm  Year 3  (lined up on the playground - right)
        Year 4  (lined up on the playground - left)

3.20pm  Year 5  (lined up on the playground - left)
        Year 6  (lined up on the playground - right)
**Siblings** – by prior arrangement only

**Drop off**
9.00am-9.05am  SIBLINGS  (junior hall from the main playground)

**Collection**
3.00pm-3.10pm  SIBLINGS  (lined up together on the playground – right)

### Extra Safety Measures

- Up to one third of people with coronavirus show no signs of having it – they are asymptomatic. They can, however, still spread the virus if they have it. I am therefore delighted that staff at Uplands Manor are now able to take two ‘lateral flow tests’ every week so that any asymptomatic staff cases can be identified and isolated – an extra measure to continue to keep everyone as safe as possible in school.

- We are now asking for all parents and carers to wear face coverings whenever they are on the school site. Face coverings help to protect other people and reduce the chance of transmission, even in outdoor spaces. Please support us by wearing a face covering at all times. Senior staff will be challenging any adults not wearing face coverings on site (if you are exempt please let us know so that we are aware.)

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### Bubble closures

Please be aware that, as before, the children will still be working in year group bubbles. If there is a positive staff or child coronavirus case, we will have to close their bubble and ask all contacts to isolate for 10 days from their last contact.

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### 4Community Trust

Our wraparound care is run by 4Community Trust and will be resuming when school opens on Monday 8th March. Please contact them directly if your child requires a place in breakfast club and/or after school club.

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Finally, thank you for your support over the past few weeks and of course for the support that you have given to your children with their remote learning. I know it has been an extremely challenging time for everyone – hopefully it will be last time we will be required to lockdown and, in the not too distant future, we will be able to return to some more ‘normality’ in our lives.

I very much look forward to seeing you all again on 8th March.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Dickinson
Head Teacher