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Wider re-opening of school to all primary pupils from Monday 8th March 2021

Dear parents/carers,

As you're likely aware, the government has announced that schools will reopen to all pupils on **Monday 8th March**. We're very much looking forward to welcoming back more of our pupils to face-to-face education then.

Attendance

From 8th March, school attendance will be mandatory and our usual rules on attendance will apply.

As a reminder, your child should self-isolate and not come to school if they:

- Have coronavirus symptoms or have tested positive
- Live with someone who has symptoms or have tested positive
- Are a close contact of someone who has tested positive

In line with the latest government guidance, pupils who are **clinically extremely vulnerable should not attend**. If your child is in this group, they should continue to learn from home until further notice. We do not believe any of our pupils fall into this group.

Our safety measures

Rest assured that we're doing everything we can to make sure our pupils can return to the academy safely. We'll be taking the following protective measures to keep everyone safe:

- Procedures for going to and from school:
 - Staggered drop off and pick up times to keep groups apart as they arrive and leave
 - Gathering at the gate and otherwise coming onto the site without an appointment is not allowed
 - Parents/carers are asked to wear face coverings (masks)
 - Only one adult is permitted to drop-off and pick up children at a time
- Rules on what pupils can take to and from school:
 - Limiting the amount of equipment they bring to the academy to essentials like lunch boxes or bags, book bags (containing reading books and records only) and pencil cases / stationary (Key Stage 2 only)
 - Unnecessary sharing of items is reduced by providing stationary to younger children
 - Reading books will be 'quarantined' before passing on to another child

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➤ How we are keeping pupils safe in school:

- Grouping pupils in 'bubbles' (Reception and Year 1, Year 2, Years 3 and 4, Years 5 and 6)
- One-way systems in corridors and separate spaces / different timings for breaks and lunchtimes
- Hygiene measures, such as hand-washing / sanitizing
- Ensuring any PE, Music, IT or Art resources are only used by bubbles or are cleaned and / or 'quarantined' before being shared by another group.

➤ Uniform and school meals:

- Children will wear their PE kit on the appropriate days rather than changing
- We encourage parents to send children in clean clothes every day
- Different timings for use of the Hall for each bubble

We have updated our risk assessment, which will be approved by the governors and Board of Trustees next week - the published version will then be made available on our website so you can see the full details.

Lockdown has been a challenging period for all of us, and we'd like to thank you for your continuing support during this difficult and uncertain time. If you or your child have any concerns about returning, or if you think your child might need extra support when they do, please get in touch with your child's teacher or a member of the senior leadership team by emailing admin@stblasiusacademy.iow.sch.uk, sending a message on Class Dojo or call the usual numbers.

We'd also like to thank you for all your support in helping your child learn from home. We'll continue to keep in touch if we update our plans or if we need to make changes due to new government guidance.

Warm regards,



Mrs Nicki Mobley

Principal