



The Ryde School

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Headteacher: Mrs Sue Thompson

4th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are likely aware, the government has announced that schools will reopen to all pupils on Monday **8th March**. We are very much looking forward to welcoming back more of our children to school.

Attendance

From Monday 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.

For pupils who are self-isolating or shielding, we'll upload learning on Purple Mash.

Our safety measures

Rest assured that we are doing everything we can to make sure our children can return to school safely. We will be taking the following protective measures to keep everyone safe:

Our updated risk assessment is attached to this email and is available on our website. This explains our policies and procedures.

You will be receiving a letter giving your child's staggered drop off and pick up times, which will help to keep classes apart as they arrive and leave the school site.

We are asking parents/carers not to gather at the school gate as this causes people having to walk in the road.

Only to come to the school office if a prior arrangement has been made.

Your child should only bring their book bag or PE kit to school, or a lunch box if they are not having school dinners.

Your child will be provided with a new stationary kit and whiteboard in school, so please keep the ones you have at home.



We will be reminding the children of handwashing routines and how to keep themselves safe in school.

You will see in our risk assessment that children will be in their class bubbles for all teaching. However, at playtime and lunch time two classes will join together to share a bigger outdoor space.

Reception/Class 1, Class 2/Class 3, Class 4/Class5 and Class 6 will have their own space.

We will expect all children to be wearing full school uniform.

School meals will be offered as usual. Classes 3, 4, 5 and 6 need to have their meal paid for on the School Gateway unless they are bringing a packed lunch.

Lockdown has been a challenging period for all of us, and we would like to thank you for your continuing support during this difficult and uncertain time. If you or your child have any concerns about returning to school, or if you think your child might need extra support when they return, please get in touch with us straight away through the school office.

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

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Thompson".

Mrs Sue Thompson