



Welton Primary School

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Dear Parents and Families,

Return to school information for Monday 8th March.

Following Alun Williams' letter sent last week, I am writing to provide you with further details regarding the return to Welton next week for all children. As Alun has mentioned, it is expected that all children return to school from Monday 8th March.

At Welton we are really looking forward to seeing your children again and hope that, for the most part, they are looking forward to returning too. Of course, we recognise that for some of our pupils, returning to school will be an anxious time. I would like to reassure you that the team here at Welton are fully aware of this and will be focusing on positive mental health and wellbeing when they arrive, while also getting back to a routine as quickly as possible. As in Term 2, children will be returning in class bubbles with systems in place very much the same as they were in December. This letter outlines our plans and procedures and will hopefully address any worries or concerns you may have.

Organisation of classes

It is the government's expectation that all pupils will be returning to school on March 8th, unless unwell. All year groups will be taught in their year group classroom 'bubbles' - children will be kept apart from other year group bubbles. We will limit interaction, sharing of rooms and social spaces between groups. We recognise however that younger children will not be able to maintain social distancing.

As before, we have made adaptations to the classroom to support distancing where possible. This includes seating pupils side by side and facing forwards, rather than face to face. Children have their own designated desk to work at. Children may move around the classroom within their class bubbles as necessary and classroom based resources, such as books and games, will be shared within the bubble but will be regularly cleaned along with all frequently touched surfaces.

Resources that are shared between classes or bubbles, such as computers, sports, art and science equipment will be cleaned frequently and meticulously (always between bubbles), or rotated to allow them to be left unused and out of reach for a period of 48 hours between use by different bubbles.

Groups will be kept apart, so there will be no large gatherings e.g. assemblies with more than one group, however assemblies with one class in the well ventilated school hall will be allowed.

Handwashing and hygiene

Handwashing for everyone on the school site will take place frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds and dry thoroughly and always at the following times:



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- on arrival to school and before/after playtime/lunchtime
- before eating
- after sneezing
- after touching any classroom equipment that is shared by others

Hand sanitizers are available in every classroom for times when soap and water cannot easily be used.

Arrival at school for pupils

Breakfast club will be open from 7.45am. Please either pre-book through ParentPay or turn up on the day. Children will be seated in class bubbles in the well ventilated dining hall.

There will be two school arrival times - **8.45am and 8.55am.**

The car park is only to be used for staff parking and the usual drive through drop off in the **mornings** only. Members of staff on duty here will ensure children walk from the car to the correct entrance. **Parking for parents will not be allowed. The car park gates will be closed at 2.45pm every day.**

Parents entering the school site with their children must wear a face mask.

From March 8th 2021, the bottom gate will be in use for all children both at the beginning and end of the school day, if required. This will ensure a safer route for many families while also reducing the number of parents/children using the front of the school.

Parents will not be allowed to enter the school building or grounds unless using the bottom gate

	Arrival time	Front of school arrival	Bottom gate arrival
YR	8.55am	Children will be met at the KS1 side gate by a member of staff. Children on arrival will be supervised by staff to line up along the wall inside the KS1 gate before walking down to the classroom in a line.	Parent to accompany child up to EYFS playground. Walk across the lower playground and up the left hand path to be met by a member of staff in the EYFS playground.
Y1	8.45am	Arrive at KS1 gate and children walk down the path and enter school via Y1 external classroom door.	Parent to accompany child up to Y1 external classroom door via right hand path/steps (walking across the top playground) around the dining hall and enter classroom.
Y2	8.45am	Arrive and enter at the front door.	Parent to accompany child across the bottom playground to the corner of Bumbles playground. Child to then walk up the left hand path and enter school via KS1 side door.
Y3	8.55am	Arrival and enter via KS1 side gate and enter classroom external door.	Children walk across the bottom playground, up left side path and enter classroom external door.
Y4	8.55am	Arrival and enter via main front door.	Children to walk up to the top playground and then up right steps/side path and enter school via KS2 side door.
Y5	8.55am	Arrival and enter via KS2 gate and enter KS2 side door.	Children to walk up to the top playground and then up right steps/side path and enter school via KS2 side door.



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Y6	8.45am	Arrival and enter via KS2 gate and enter KS2 side door.	Children to walk up to the top playground and then up right steps/side path and enter school via KS2 side door.
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School leaving times

No vehicle access to the site from 2.45pm-3.30pm. School car park gates will be closed.

Children may leave school via the front or bottom gates.

There will be two leaving times - 3.05pm and 3.15pm.

If parents have children in more than one year group they should collect their children, at the correct gate, at the correct stated time. They may need to wait.

	Leaving time	Front of school exit	Bottom gate exit
YR	3.15pm	A member of staff will admit YR parents into the KS1 gate <u>once the Y1 children have left</u> . YR parents will then walk down the path and wait for their children in the EYFS playground ready for 3.15pm.	If you wish to collect a YR child via the bottom gate, this will need to be pre-arranged with school so we can ensure safe collection.
Y1	3.05pm	Children will line up inside the KS1 gate and be dismissed <u>one by one</u> to parents who will be standing in the car park/path near this gate.	If you wish to collect a Y1 child via the bottom gate, this will need to be pre-arranged with school so we can ensure safe collection.
Y2	3.05pm	Children will exit the school via the front door and wait to be passed to parents who will be standing in the car park opposite this door.	If you wish to collect a Y2 child via the bottom gate, this will need to be pre-arranged with school so we can ensure safe collection.
Y3	3.15pm	Children will be dismissed from the KS1 gate to parents <u>one by one</u> who will be standing in the car park/path near this gate.	Parents will wait safely on the bottom playground for their child to be dismissed from school. A member of staff will be on duty.



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Y4	3.15pm	Children will leave via the front door and wait to be passed to parents who will be standing in the car park opposite this door.	Parents will wait safely on the bottom playground for their child to be dismissed from school. A member of staff will be on duty.
Y5	3.15pm	Children will line up inside the KS2 gate and be dismissed <u>one by one</u> to parents who will be standing in the car park/path near this gate.	Parents will wait on the bottom playground for their child to be dismissed from school (unless walking home alone). A member of staff will be on duty.
Y6	3.05pm	Children will line up (if not walking home on their own) inside the KS2 gate and be dismissed <u>one by one</u> to parents who will be standing in the car park/path near this gate.	Parents will wait on the bottom playground for their child to be dismissed from school (unless walking home alone). A member of staff will be on duty.

We are currently waiting to hear plans for WACI. For enquiries, please contact Katie (07716141896) or Michelle (07716144408).

What to bring to school

As before, children are encouraged to reduce the amount of belongings needed i.e. just a coat, water bottle (on desks), reading folder or similar. Rucksacks and bags should only be needed if absolutely necessary (e.g. lunchboxes etc). PE kits are to be worn to school on PE days:

YR: Thursdays

Y1: Wednesdays

Y2: Thursdays

Y3: Mondays and Tuesdays

Y4: Mondays and Thursdays

Y5: Wednesdays and Fridays

Y6: Tuesdays and Thursdays

I hope you can see that we once again continue to put the safety of our school community at the heart of our reopening plans. We will review these on a weekly basis and will of course communicate any updates to you as necessary.

With thanks for your ongoing support,

Mr J Snell
Head Teacher