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Dear parents and carers,

### **Full school reopening: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

I am delighted to be writing to update you on the **school's plan to open to all children from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021.**

The senior leadership team, staff and governors have been working hard to ensure the school is ready to invite all children back as soon as it was deemed safe to do so. Now that the government has announced that infection rates are such that schools are safe to re-open, staff will be using the teacher preparation day on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 to ensure they are ready **for all children to return next Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March.**

A key feature of our re-opening plan in September was the implementation of staggered start and finish times for various year groups and 'bubbles' – this will remain in place from next Tuesday. To be clear, **the start/finish times and entrance/exit gates will remain the same as they were since we started in September.**

Details of staggered start and finish times as well as entrance gates for your child's class can be found below. All gates will remain clearly labelled in time for the first day back, and we would ask you to ensure that you only use this gate when dropping off and collecting your child.

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>Finish Time</b>	<b>Entrance/Exit Gate</b>
Nursery	9:10am	3:30pm	Barrett's Grove - small gate
Reception	9:10am	3:30pm	Barrett's Grove - Nursery gate
Year 1	9:10am	3:30pm	Princess May Road – small gate
Year 2	9:10am	3:30pm	Princess May Road – double gates
Year 3	8:55am	3:15pm	Barrett's Grove – small gate
Year 4	8:55am	3:15pm	Barrett's Grove - Nursery gate
Year 5	8:55am	3:15pm	Princess May Road – small gate
Year 6	8:55am	3:15pm	Princess May Road – double gates

As was the case before the latest lockdown, parents will be unable to enter the school premises during drop-off and collection, and will be asked to drop off and collect 'at the gate' in the mornings and afternoons, taking care to maintain social distancing on the pavement, **using our queuing system as well as a face covering.** All gates will be clearly labelled.

You will see from the school's [risk assessment document](#) that extensive measures have yet again been put in place to try to reduce the risk of infection in school. We will also be taking careful steps to re-educate all children of the expectations. Key features include:

- Children to be kept in bubbles at all times, including at break and lunch times
- Social distancing to be implemented between children and adults, where possible, including in classrooms
- One-way system in operation throughout the school for staff and pupils
- Contactless hand-gel dispensers outside each classroom





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- Individual stationery packs to be provided to children with no pencil cases permitted
- Staggered start and finish times for each year group
- Parents and carers to drop children at the gate and not permitted on premises: strict use of the queuing system, including the use of face masks
- No communal gatherings of adults and outside of bubbles, including whole-school assemblies
- Twice-weekly testing for all staff on premises

### Compulsory return to school

It is important to note that the Education Secretary has confirmed that schooling for all children is again compulsory. The school therefore has a legal duty to ensure that each child at Princess May attends school each day and will follow our usual attendance procedures, including phone calls and the use of home visits.

### Breakfast and after-school clubs

Breakfast Club will resume on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Please register your child **using this form**: <https://tinyurl.com/3ycspmzm>  
We will be reviewing how we can safely re-open after-school clubs in the first week back and will be in touch with you separately about this.

### Free School Meals

Those children entitled to Free School Meals will continue to receive these at school in the usual way. All government vouchers and food packs will now cease unless your child is self-isolating.

### Siblings

The same arrangements will be in place for siblings: the general rule is that children should always enter and exit school using the gate of the elder sibling.

### Symptoms

Your child **must not attend school** under any circumstances if they or anyone in your household demonstrate **any** of the following symptoms: cough, loss of taste and/or smell, high temperature (37.8 degrees or above). Instead, they must self-isolate and book a test here: <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/condition> or by dialling 119.

As always, any queries can be directed to our school office at [admin@princessmay.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:admin@princessmay.hackney.sch.uk) or on 020 7254 1589.

Finally, I am thrilled to be able to welcome you all back next Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March and look forward to seeing you all then.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Reynolds  
Headteacher

