

Dear Parent / carer,

As you will be aware, Crawford Primary school will be **re-opening to all children on Monday 8th March**. Our Risk Assessment is currently being updated and will be shared later this week. Many of our day-to-day operations will remain the same though there are also some changes you should be aware of.

Pick-up and Drop-off

We are now asking that **children in all years are dropped off and picked up at the gate to minimise contact**. Class teachers and TAs will come to the entrance of the gate at the beginning and end of each day at the times below. If you wish to speak to the class teacher please call or email the school and they will arrange for the class teacher to call you.

All parents and carers will be required to wear a face covering at pick-up or drop-off unless they are exempt. We ask you not to congregate at the gates so we can ensure social distancing and minimise contact. **The road will be blocked off to allow for social distancing and for children to enter and leave the school site safely.**

Drop and pick-up times will be staggered and classes will be allocated a specific gate. It is very important that these times and gates are adhered to decrease the risk of transmission and allow for safe entry and exit of the school. **Please ensure you are prompt for both pick up and drop off times** to ensure the safety of everyone in the school community.

Times and gates for classes are below:

Year group	Class	Start	End	Gate
Year 6	Galaxy	8.55	3.10	Small gate
	Meteorites	9.00	3.15	Small gate
Year 5	Saturn	9.05	3.20	Small gate
	Earth	9.10	3.25	Small gate
Year 4	Mars	8.55	3.10	Black gate - left
	Mercury	8.55	3.10	Black gate - right
	Orion	8.55	3.10	Silver gate
Year 3	Titan	9.00	3.15	Black gate - left
	Venus	9.00	3.15	Black gate - right
	Neptune	9.00	3.15	Silver gate
Year 2	Apollo	9.05	3.20	Black gate - left
	Jupiter	9.05	3.20	Black gate - right
	Comets	9.05	3.20	Silver gate
Year 1	Pluto	9.10	3.25	Black gate
	Luna	9.10	9.25	Silver gate
Reception	Rocket	9.15	3.30	Silver gate
	Sun	9.15	3.30	Black gate
Nursery	Gold Stars	9.00	12.00	Nursery gate
	Silver Stars	12.30	3.30	Nursery gate

Attendance

Attendance for all children **is mandatory from the 8th of March** unless they have received an NHS shielding letter, have symptoms of Covid-19 or live in the same household as a positive case or

someone with symptoms. Please inform the school ASAP if your child has a shielding letter and you have not yet informed us.

If you have been abroad, you must follow government guidance regarding isolation periods/quarantine rules when travelling to the UK. Please inform the school if you are having to quarantine and your arrival date in the UK.

Breakfast club and After School club

Breakfast club and After school club will be available from the 8th March and will continue to be provided by Young People Matter. If you would like to book a place, please click on the link <https://young-people-matter.childcare-online-booking.co.uk/> to take you to their booking form.

School lunches

We will be providing school lunches for all children from March 8th. We strongly advise all children to have a school lunch as this will reduce the amount of equipment coming in from different households, thus minimising risk of the virus spreading. Our hot lunches are prepared under Covid-secure conditions.

Supporting your child returning to school.

We are aware that whilst many children will be very much looking forward to returning to school – and we are really looking forward to seeing them! – for many children there may be a degree of anxiety around this having spent such a long time away. For those children who have been at school they may also be feeling anxious about the change and having more children in their classroom. We will be supporting your children by ensuring our curriculum focuses on emotional well-being, reforming relationships, practicing the skills needed for successful learning and building up children's stamina and focus.

Attached to this letter is a booklet to share with your child about the return to school. There are also tips attached for parents on how to support your child with the transition back to school.

You can help your child get ready for the return to school this week by:

- Getting into a bedtime and morning routine that reflects the time they will need to go to bed and get up when they return to school
- Talking through any fears or concerns they may have about returning to school
- Reassure your child that school is safe. Your child will feel reassured and safe if they see you feel confident about it.
- Talk through with the class teacher any concerns you or your child have so they can support with this.

Systems of Control

We continue to follow the systems of control as stipulated by the government guidance to reduce the risk of transmission within our school community. These include:

- Maintaining social distancing and minimising contact wherever possible
- Maintaining enhanced cleaning
- Keeping occupied spaces well-ventilated
- Ensuring regular, thorough hand-washing by everyone more often and promoting the 'catch it, kill it, bin it' approach
- Ensure face coverings are used where appropriate and required.

Children will now be in class bubbles rather than year bubbles to minimise contact and transmission. We are also requiring all staff to wear face coverings in communal areas of the school and where they are not able to maintain 2m distance from other. We are not asking class teachers or TAs to wear face coverings in class as this can interrupt and affect learning. We are also actively encouraging all staff to take part in the lateral flow tests twice a week. Currently primary school aged children are not required to be tested. Information on testing for families and children can be found further in this letter.

Infection control

You must not send your child to school if they have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms:

A new continuous cough

A high temperature

A loss or change to your sense of smell or test

or they have tested positive in the last 10 days, or if another household member develops coronavirus symptoms. In these circumstances please call the school to inform us of this and follow the national [Stay at Home](#) guidance. If your child, or anyone in your household, develops COVID-19 symptoms you will need to arrange to get a test. Please inform the school of your test result as soon as you receive it.

Asymptomatic Testing

Asymptomatic testing is now available in Southwark. If you don't have any symptoms you can book a rapid lateral flow test. The closest test centre to Crawford is the Damilola Taylor Centre, 1 East Surrey Grove, Peckham SE15 6DR. Children under 16 do not need to book a test and can come as a walk-in appointment but need to be accompanied by an adult. You can only use this service if you have no symptoms of COVID-19. Families of primary aged children can also access twice-weekly testing. Details of how to book this can be found at the bottom of this letter.

We thank-you for your continued support at this time. We can only ensure the safety of our school community by everyone doing their part in following the rules and guidance in place.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions or concerns.

Many thanks

Ms Vicky Shires
Acting Head of School

How to access twice-weekly testing.

From 1 March 2021, if you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil you can get a twice-weekly test:

- through your employer if they offer testing to employees
- at a local test site
- by collecting a home test kit from a test site
- by ordering a home test kit online

Get a test through your employer

Your workplace may offer rapid lateral flow testing to you. Contact your employer to find out more.

Take a test at a rapid lateral flow test site

You can take a rapid lateral flow test at a local site. Testing at these sites is assisted, which means you will swab yourself under the supervision of a trained operator.

You may need to book an appointment.

[Find your nearest rapid lateral flow test site.](#)

Collect test kits

You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains 7 tests.

Anyone 18 or over can collect. You can check online if the location is busy before you go.

[Find your nearest home test kit collection point.](#)

Order home test kits online

If you cannot get tested at your workplace, or are unable to go to a test site or collect test kits, you can order a home test kit online.

Do not order online if you can get a test through other methods. This frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

[Order rapid lateral flow home test kits](#)

What twice-weekly testing involves

You will be asked to:

- take a test twice a week (every 3 or 4 days apart)
- report every result to NHS Test and Trace on the same day you take the test

[Report your test result online](#) or by calling 119.

If anyone tests positive or gets coronavirus symptoms, they should tell the school and:

- self-isolate immediately
- get a PCR test to confirm the result
- follow the [stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection](#)

A negative result means the test did not find signs of coronavirus. But this does not guarantee you do not have coronavirus, so you should keep following all [coronavirus advice](#) including:

- regular handwashing
- social distancing
- wearing a face covering where recommended