



GIGGLESWICK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Following the government announcement that schools will reopen on **8 March**, we are very much looking forward to welcoming back all of our children to school. We are busy preparing school for this exciting date and can assure you that the children will enjoy a smooth transition back into their normal routine.

The following information links to current guidance.

Attendance

From 8 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 school**. If your child is in this group, they should continue to learn from home until further notice. Please send a copy of your child's shielding letter to our admin office.

For pupils who are self-isolating or shielding, we will continue to use our class email system to share remote learning sessions and provide paper packs for collection from school. If you require us to deliver these, please let us know by ringing the office.

Our safety measures

Rest assured that we're doing everything we can to make sure our pupils can return to school 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 will remain the same as September
 - Please keep your distance when dropping off and collecting children
 - Please make an appointment should you need to come onto the site

***The Ribblesdale Federation of Schools** comprises:
Giggleswick and Hellifield Community and Long Preston Endowed (VA) Primary Schools.

➤ School equipment

- Please only send essential equipment to school e.g. lunch boxes and a small bag
- We will provide individual packs of equipment for each child

➤ Keeping pupils safe

- Pupils will be grouped in class bubbles
- Timetables will remain staggered to allow for bubbled breaks and lunches
- Regular reminders of hygiene measures including hand-washing are in place

➤ Uniform and school meals

- Pupils will need to wear school uniform
- A change of footwear to trainers is needed for PE
- School meals can be ordered as usual

Our risk assessment is currently being updated and will be published on our website early next week. A separate letter detailing the staggered starts and finishes for your child will be shared in due course.

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 to school, or if you think your child might need extra support when they return, please get in touch with your child's class teacher in the first instance using the email system or telephone school to make an appointment to discuss these.

We'd also like to thank you for all your support in helping your child learn from home. We appreciate how difficult it can be to juggle this amongst work and running a home and we are truly grateful. 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

Miss Ward and the team at Giggleswick Primary School