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Frequently Asked Questions

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all of your questions about the return to school.

Here are a list of the most frequently asked questions and their answers to them. If you have any more questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Q. Does my child have to go to school?

A. Yes, school will be fully open to all pupils. We understand that some children will feel anxious and we will work with your child to ensure they feel confident and safe being back at school. The expectation is however that all pupils return to school when the term starts on the 8th March.

Should your child feel unwell in the coming weeks, here is a link to NHS guidance that might answer any queries you have <https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/coronavirus/schools/flowchart>.

We would ask that you contact the office as soon as possible or by the latest 9.30am to advise if your child is unwell. We have a dedicated absence answerphone where you can leave a message at any time. You can also email adminoffice@wickham-primary.hants.sch.uk.

Q. Can children bring packed lunches?

A. Yes, children are allowed to bring their packed lunches, although the kitchen team are still offering a choice of hot lunches.

The hot lunch menu is staying the same. We are on week one of the Wickham menu (attached separately). If your child is in Key Stage 2, please ensure that your child's dinner account is in credit before they return. Any accounts that are in debit will not be able to order a lunch on our system and you will be contacted to bring in a packed lunch.

Q. How do I make a payment to the school?

A. You are able to top up a school dinner account online through the Scopay website. The office are unable to accept cash at this time. Scopay allows you to pay online for dinners, trips and uniform. If you do not already have an account, please contact the office and they will be able to set you up.

Q. Can children bring in their own equipment?

A. No, the children will be provided with the equipment they need in class.

Q. Can children bring in their own hand sanitiser?

A. No, unless they have pre-arranged with us for medical reasons. Every classroom and shared space will have its own sanitiser.

Q. Can children bring book bags/backpacks?

A. Yes, although children often fill their bags with all sorts of other stuff so we request that bags are used only for work and books.

Q. Can my child bring a healthy snack and water bottle?

A. Yes, although the fruit and vegetable snack scheme for Reception and Key Stage 1 children will be continuing.

Q. Do I need to test my family each week?

A. As you may know, the government has advised that households with primary, secondary and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles, can test themselves twice every week at home as schools return from Monday 8th March. The twice-weekly test kits can be accessed:

- Via employers 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

More information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

Q. When will my child have PE?

A. Please find the PE timetable for the remainder of this term below. PE kit will need to be brought in on these days and will be sent home with your child at the end of the day for washing. Full school uniform should be worn to school every day.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Squirrels	Bumblebees	Foxes	Otters	Bumblebees
Kingfishers	Dragonflies	Badgers	Squirrels	Dragonflies
	Butterflies	Kingfishers	Butterflies	Foxes
	Water Voles		Water Voles	Badgers
	Otters			

Q. Will after-school sports club be running?

A. Yes, from the week beginning 15th March. Further details on how to sign your child up will be sent out next week.

Q. Will Time Out breakfast and after school club be running?

Yes, bookings can be made here: <http://www.treetopsclubs.co.uk/listing/time-out-club-wickham/>.

Q. Can my parents or a family member collect my child?

A. Yes, if they are in your family support bubble then they can bring and collect your child from school. Please make sure your child’s teacher is made aware if there are changes to the adults collecting. We kindly request only one adult comes with the child to either drop off or pick up and that face coverings are worn by adults on site.

Yours sincerely,



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