



Millbrook Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Monday 8th March marks our return to school. We are really looking forward to seeing you all again and welcoming the children back. Given that the number of daily Coronavirus cases are still high and the country still remains in Lockdown, we know school will not be back to normal; however we are looking forward to re-establishing our routines and settling the children back into school as quickly as possible.

Thank you

Mrs Danielle Warren

Return to School

We are really looking forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday. As stated in our last newsletter (26.02.21), we will maintain the staggered start and end of the day times so please make sure you know what time your child must arrive at school and what time they will leave at the end of the day. Children will enter and exit the site at their usual gates. Please remember that the number of Coronavirus cases are still high and the country remains in Lockdown. Please do not congregate at the school gates or on Churchill Way and ensure you maintain social distancing at all times. We also ask that you wear a face covering at drop off and pick up times.



Monday 8th March

Please make sure your child brings the following items in to school on their first day back:

- Power Maths Book

Dream, Believe, Aspire Achieve

Class Assemblies

We will let you know as soon as we are able to resume these.

P.A.T.H

Please remember to use PATH meetings to speak to the class teacher. (Parent/Carer and Teacher Hours) every Monday from 3.30pm until 5.30pm.

Telephone appointments can also be made during this time to meet with Senior Leaders of the school.

Although we are unable to meet you in person at the moment, we are always happy to speak with you on the phone. We care about your children and want to work with you to get it right.

To make an appointment with the class teacher, please phone or email the school office.

Don't forget that each class has its own email account. If you would like to email your child's class teacher, the email address is the class name followed by @millbrookjuniors.co.uk. E.g. Galileo class email address is Galileo@millbrookjuniors.co.uk

If you have a complaint, please make sure you follow the school Complaints Policy which can be found on the school website.

- School Planner
- Reading Book

We would also like to see all the work your children have completed. Please encourage your child to bring in their books so that they can share them with their class teacher.

Red Nose Day

On Friday 19th March, we will be participating in Red Nose Day 2021. On this day, we will ask you to come dressed in something red. We would ask that you do not bring your red nose into school as, given the current situation, these would pose an unnecessary additional risk to our children and staff. If you would like to donate to Comic Relief on Red Nose Day, we will be setting up a payment facility on schoolcomms where the minimum donation will be £1.00. All money will be collected and sent off to Comic Relief where, thanks to your donations, Comic Relief will continue to make a difference to the lives of millions of people across the UK and around the world.

Wellbeing

We appreciate that many children will have mixed emotions about their return to school on Monday. Some may be feeling anxious and apprehensive while many will be really excited about seeing their friends again. The wellbeing of our children will be our priority in the first few weeks back. Staff have undertaken additional training and have carefully planned how to welcome the children back. Mrs Fombanu and Mrs Walker have worked really hard to set up 'self-soothing boxes' for each classroom. If your child finds separation difficult then they can bring with them a small 'comfort toy' that fits in their pocket and must be wipe clean (not soft or made of fabric). This must be something that they are not likely to chew or put in their mouth, and once in school, should stay in their drawer overnight.

Lateral Flow Testing

From 1 March 2021, if you are 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

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.

[Click here to find your nearest home test kit collection point.](#)

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.

[Click here to order rapid lateral flow home test kits.](#)

What twice-weekly testing involves

You will be asked to do the following:

- 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 adhere to the following guidelines:

- 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 which includes the following:

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

Important Reminder – Symptoms and Testing

In order to ensure that the school remains the safest possible environment for the children and staff, and that the risk of transmission is reduced, we all need to ensure that we follow the latest government guidance. We all need to help to decrease the disruption that the virus causes to education through the closure of bubbles.

It is really important that we all keep up to date with the latest guidance and that you do not send your child into school when they should be isolating. **You must self-isolate immediately if any of the following apply:**

- you have any symptoms of coronavirus (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste)
- you have tested positive for coronavirus – this means you have coronavirus
- **you live with someone who has symptoms or who has tested positive**
- **someone in your support bubble has symptoms or has tested positive**
- you are told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app
- you arrive in the UK from a country with a high coronavirus risk – see GOV.UK: [how to self-isolate when you travel to the UK](#)

If anyone in your household or support bubble has any symptoms of Coronavirus, the **whole household must self-isolate** and the person who has the symptoms **must** get a test. **Please do not send your child into school if anyone in your household has symptoms. If you are not sure, ring us and we can advise you accordingly.**

If we send your child home because they have shown symptoms of coronavirus while in school, we will not accept your child back into school unless you have supplied us with the results of a PCR coronavirus test or completed the ten day isolation period. We all have a duty to do the right thing to ensure the safety of everyone in our school community.

We do recognise that this can be very difficult for families but it is important that we all do the right thing to keep everyone safe.

Regular notes:

Attendance: Please remember that schools are not allowed to authorise holiday in term times. Leave of Absence forms should be completed. There is no entitlement to leave during term time and it will only be approved under exceptional circumstances which need to be explained and evidence produced. Failure to comply with this will mean a referral to the Local Authority which may result in a fine and court action. Please refer to the school attendance policy which is available from the school office and on the school website. Thank you in supporting us to ensure your children have every opportunity for success in their education.

Safeguarding: If you have any concerns about the welfare of any child in our school, or you wish to discuss aspects of safeguarding, please speak with our Designated Safeguarding Lead or one of our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads. Alternatively contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub on 0300 126 1000.

Coronavirus: What you need to do



The infographic is divided into three vertical panels. The first panel shows hands being washed under a stream of water, with a stopwatch icon indicating '20 SEC' and a bottle of hand sanitizer. The second panel shows a person wearing a blue face mask. The third panel shows two silhouettes of people standing apart, with a double-headed arrow between them indicating distance.

Wash your hands

Wear a face covering

Keep your distance