



## School Wider Re-Opening March 2021 FAQs

### **How will School be 'opening'?**

Waterfield will be phasing re-opening with most children returning on March 8<sup>th</sup>. We will continue to operate staggered drop off and pick up times – please refer to the collection update poster. Please note the Gates used by different Year Groups. Please leave promptly at drop off and pick ups and ensure that you are wearing a Face Covering (compulsory unless medically exempt) and adhering to Social Distancing.

**Please also remember NOT to park on Hawkesmoor Road – this caused us many difficulties with local residence. We ask that parents using this entry queue sensibly, quietly and patiently showing respect for the local residents. Parking enforcement officers will be on patrol as a joint request from local residents and the school.**

**Please also note that if you have multiple children to drop off it is easiest to aim for the later time. You can always call the Office to work out a plan on how to convenient drop the children off. Please note there is only limited space for Office drop off and collection.**

### **What can children bring to school?**

We will be keeping many of the rules and safety precautions we had in place prior to this Lockdown. Therefore we ask that children **do not bring** stationary/toys from home, only bring their small book bags with reading books in and wear their PE Kit on PE days. Please make sure all children have a named water bottle. **The less we have coming from home to school the better!**

**Please note currently we would ask that 'birthday' sweets/treats are not shared at school.**

### **Will my child still be in a 'Bubble'?**

It is important to remember that whilst schools are 'opening' we are still following the government guidelines re. Lockdown. Therefore we will still be working on limiting the close contacts that your child has. This means we will still be closing close contacts/bubbles should there be a positive case of COVID-19 identified.

### **How will we be keeping people safe?**

Waterfield will continue to educate the children with our STAY SAFE & SMILE approach, there is enhanced cleaning throughout the day, all staff have readily available PPE and we will be engaging actively with 'Track and Trace'. Please remember IF your child develops symptoms of COVID, it is best to be cautious so please keep them at home until you have arranged a test. We will send children home immediately if they are presenting as unwell or with a temperature.

### **Shielding Families – What do we do?**

If your child has been asked to shield school will provide a remote learning pack. This may be supported by Google Classroom Lessons, or it may look slightly different, however rest assured we will look at how we can best support your child. For siblings of children who are shielding we would actively encourage those children to come to school, however if this is not possible please call the Office so we can discuss each circumstance individually with families. **Please note we will require a copy of shielding letters for attendance figures.**

### **What will School look and feel like?**

We are working hard in order to give ALL children a happy and safe experience. We realise returning to school will give some children anxiety and worries. We are working hard to place pastoral and support lessons as a key focus in our re-opening curriculum. Details of our NEWEST curriculum events will always appear on our Website and be fully supported by our Recovery Curriculum.





Our first week back will be themed around Sustainability and entitled WOW Sustainability – We will be looking at how we rebuild our community, rebuild our world and of course look after our own Wellbeing and learning behaviours!

**WOW – World Sustainability**  
**WOW – Our Community Sustainability**  
**WOW – Well Being Sustainability**

**This special week will be supported by NFU and feature us entering the FARMVENTION – linking learning through Science, Maths, Arts and Engineering!**

**Please do review our links on the Website and get involved!**

**More Coming to TWITTER SOON – if you haven't done so please download Twitter and follow @waterfield\_TCT.**

We are still unable to host large scale school events, assemblies, performances etc. but rest assured as soon as we can (and it is safe to do so) we will be planning to do what we can when we can.

**We will be conducting telephone calls with parents to let you know how the children have settled back into school before the Easter Holidays as part of our Parent Teacher Conferences. Booking information to follow soon.**

#### **Lunches – Will we have School Lunches from Chartwells?**

Lunches will run as normal – with children in Key Stage One asked to opt out (via a Ping survey) of school meals if they wish.

Early Years children will be provided with School Lunches.

Year 3-6 will order School Lunches/Free School Meals/Packed Lunches from home as normal.

#### **Uniform – What do children wear?**

We would encourage children to wear full uniform at school, however, as non-essential shops are still closed until at least the 12<sup>th</sup> April, we will relax uniform guidelines until after the Easter Holiday. Please endeavour though to make sure the clothes children wear match the uniform or are sensible for 'School'.

Order your school uniform from [www.taylormadeuniforms.co.uk](http://www.taylormadeuniforms.co.uk) or 01293 640154.

*We are always grateful to receive donations of old uniforms and are planning on a Second-Hand Uniform Sale in the last week before the Easter Holidays. More information to follow, but anything that doesn't fit anymore please feel free to bag up and leave at the Office.*

#### **Snack Shack – We love Snack Shack, is it open?**

Snack Shack will open for Year 3 upwards as normal on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Snacks are 50 Pence each – Mrs Brooker will be open from Monday so get ready to get munching!

#### **Will Breakfast Club be running?**

Breakfast Club will recommence on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March, usual booking system via Parent Pay. If you have further questions please contact the school office.

#### **Will Energy Kidz/After School Clubs be running?**

Unfortunately, the Energy Kidz club will not be returning due to low uptake numbers. We will be reviewing our after school provision and hopefully trial something in the Summer Term. Our other After School Clubs will start to return slowly, with Outdoor Project probably resuming after Easter.





### **I borrowed equipment from school for lockdown – how do I return it?**

Any loaned equipment should be returned to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March this includes: laptops, iPads, core texts, wi-fi dongles etc. If children take this to class we will arrange the office staff to come and collect this and sign off the list.

**Any completed work at home can be brought into school and handed to the class teacher on Monday 8<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Behaviour**

The Behaviour Policy Annex available on our website still compliments our behaviour policy as we expect all children to behave in a manner that keeps us all safe during this time.

Other things to do:

- Make sure that if the school holds medication for your child it is still in date or a new prescription is brought to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March and all the relevant forms are filled in at the office.
- Speak to your child and support them with any worries or concerns.
- Practice getting ready for school – it's time to find the uniform and get that PE kit washed!

## **Please also return any borrowed reading books to school ASAP.**

*Please be patient with us, we are working extremely hard and are trying to support everyone through this difficult time. Upon returning to school it is likely children may find it tricky to adjust to learning and social situations, please speak with the school so we can support any concerns. Please remember we are still working under the 'Lockdown', at time staffing levels may be critical so do give us time and support as we work together on unforeseen issues.*

*For any enquiries regarding SEN children or Vulnerable families please contact the Office so Mrs Billington can support your transition.*

