



# Ravenshall

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move towards the February half term break, we would like to update you with the plans that have been put in place for a safe return to school from Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

In order to prepare for the anticipated full opening of schools in March, we would like to begin a transition rota to enable us to assess pupil needs and to ensure we continue to provide a personalised curriculum in the safest possible environment. By doing this we will prepare all of our pupils for a return to full time education.

Currently, we expect these plans to continue up to the Easter holidays but will keep you updated in response to any changes in government guidance.

Our response to the January lockdown has been incredibly successful in meeting pupil needs and keeping everyone safe. Our teaching staff have planned and delivered an outstanding remote education provision with nearly 100% engagement from pupils across the Key Stages. We thank you for your fantastic support in enabling us to work so positively together. This has been recognised by the Governing Body and the Local Authority.

Therefore, we ask that you take the time to read and digest the information below. This condensed overview should clarify our plans from Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

The school re-opens for all pupils on **Monday 22nd February**

- All our students will be in their own class 'Bubbles' and will be taught predominantly by the same staff and stay together.
- The classes will be split into **Group A** and **Group B**.
- We will work on a **2-week rota**.
- **Week 1 (22<sup>nd</sup> February)**
  - **Group A – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.**
  - **Group B – Thursday, Friday**
- **Week 2 (1st March)**
  - **Group A – Monday, Tuesday.**
  - **Group B – Wednesday, Thursday, Friday**
- **You will receive a detailed outline of your child's days in school very shortly.**
- All stringent safety plans will continue to be followed as are outlined in the Spring safety plan which is on the school website.
- If your child uses school transport, you will be informed in the next few days about timings and pick up/drop off arrangements which have been arranged for your child.

In addition to this, we need to be clear of our expectations of parents and carers in ensuring that the school remains safe and secure for everyone. We ask therefore, that you understand and follow the next key pieces of information and support the staff to ensure they are fully adhered to:

- Full school uniform must be worn.
- If you are dropping off your child in the morning, please **DO NOT** come into the school car park or drive up to the school gates. Please **park** on Ravensthorpe Road, **walk up** to the school's main gates where you will be told which entrance your child will be using.
- If your child is eligible for a disability parking permit and you are choosing to transport your child to school, then please arrive at 9.15 and follow staff instructions to enter the school.
- Student lockers will not currently be available, and we ask that pupils **do not** bring into school any **personal possessions, including mobile phones**
- **Medicines, medical equipment and packed lunch boxes** are the only things which students are allowed to bring in school.
- We have a duty of care to protect all staff and pupils in school. Therefore, we have to strictly limit physical interventions of any kind. **If a pupil's behaviour or dysregulation becomes unsafe eg spitting, we will insist that you collect your child from school immediately**
- **It is essential that the school is able to contact you immediately if the above happens or your child becomes unwell/ill in school. Parents need to be contactable at all times. We are insisting that up to date contact details are provided.**
- **If you require language/additional support to read this letter, please contact school and some-one will interpret and/or clarify details for you.**

Finally, we should all be aware that unforeseen circumstances during these difficult and challenging times can have an influence on planning. It may well be that some of our plans will change and it will be prudent for everyone to keep this in mind.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support and understanding.

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