



1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Dear families,

First and foremost, I would like to say how proud I am of all the efforts that you and the extended families of the Tameside community have provided over the most difficult of times. I will be forever in awe of the patience, perseverance and integrity shown by you all. The support shown for the children and staff of the Academy, as we rise from the pandemic again and battle through another lockdown, has been inspiring. I thank you for that a million times over. It has been a very tough few months to say the least, but we are really looking forward to welcoming **all** children back to school site on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. Your child must attend school – it is NOT optional, and we will follow our Attendance Policy and track both attendance and punctuality.

To provide you all with peace of mind and to alleviate any concerns you may have, we can confirm that for the reopening our Risk Assessment has been updated. Here are some of the key measures outlined below:-

- Regular hand washing and use of hand sanitiser stations across the day
- 2 x weekly staff Lateral Flow Testing for Covid 19
- Clear signage emphasising the Hands, Face, Space message
- Enhanced cleaning throughout the day
- Ongoing regular handwashing for children
- Bubbles in place for children in their year groups.
- Staggered lunchtimes, drop off times, lunch times and collection times.
- Separate playtimes and play areas

School will be fully reopen to all children on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. Start times, lunch times and finish times will be the same as they were previously to the current lockdown. Please make a note of the times, entrances and gates that must be used and that only 1 person can drop off the children. This is for the safety of everyone. Please also note that all children in years are to be accompanied by an adult when onsite for supervision. Children in Years 5, 4 and 3 are to be left at the internal school gate (same as before) where there will be a staff member present. They can then walk to their classrooms at the set time. There will be lots of staff around to provide guidance and support. When entering school site via the Walton Road entrance, there will be a gate to enter the school and a gate to exit the school. This



needs to be adhered to at all times as it is there for the health and safety of the community, yourselves and your children.

To help us ensure that in the following weeks we remain as risk free as possible we need your support in the following: -

- Please be punctual in drop off and collection. Gates will be locked 10 minutes after start and end of school day.
- All parents to wear face masks when dropping off and picking up your children.
- Adhere to the 2-metre distance between yourselves and others.
- Please do not send your child to school if they, or any member of your household has any Covid19 symptoms or if they have been in contact with a positive case

<b>Year group</b>	<b>Entrance time and area</b>	<b>Gate to use</b>	<b>Finish time and area</b>	<b>Gate to use</b>
6	8.30 – Year 6 door	<b>Price road entrance</b>	3.00 – Key Stage 2 playground	<b>Price road entrance</b>
5	8.35 – Year 5 block door	<b>Price road entrance</b>	3.05 – Key Stage 2 playground	<b>Price road entrance</b>
4	8.40 – Year 4 door	<b>Price Road entrance</b>	3.10 – Key Stage 2 playground	<b>Price Road entrance</b>
3	8.30 – Year 3 door	<b>Walton Road entrance</b>	3.00 – Key Stage 2 playground	<b>Walton Road entrance</b>
2	8.35– Year 2 door	<b>Walton Road entrance</b>	3.05 – Year 2 doors	<b>Walton Road entrance</b>
1	8.40 – Year1 door	<b>Walton Road entrance</b>	3.10 – Year 1 door and hall side door	<b>Walton Road entrance</b>
Reception	8.30 – Reception door	<b>Walton Road entrance</b>	Reception door 3.00	<b>Walton Road entrance</b>
Nursery	8.45 Nursery door	<b>Walton Road entrance</b>	11.45 Nursery exit door at the bottom of the stairs on the Walton Road entrance	<b>Walton Road entrance</b>

We hope that by working together and following these measures, we can safeguard our school, remaining open over the next few months and avoid any bubble or school closures. We need children to be in school as much as we can so we can try and make sure we can catch up on the missed time since Christmas.



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Our first step to do this is an Assessment Week that we have planned for all the children to identify gaps in their learning and help teachers plan and prioritise what to teach to help them progress quickly. We need all children to be in to be able to do this.

Walking home letters for Year 6 and Year 5 children will start again. If you want to take advantage of this option due to shift pattern change etc, please contact us and we can arrange this. At Tameside, we offer the choice of children using hand sanitiser as part of our rigorous hygiene regime. If you haven't already completed a letter of consent for this, please contact us for a letter and we can gladly arrange.

Finally and most of all, we are really looking forward to receiving the children back into school so we can do what we all love the most at Tameside – teach. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at school.

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Warmest regards,

Mr M Hill  
Principal.