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## Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you can imagine, we are all looking forward to welcoming our children back to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. For more detailed information linked to the wider opening of school, please refer to the document on the home page of the website as this should give you all the information you need about the staggered start and finish times, entrance and exit points, lunchtimes etc. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact school and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have.

### Drop off and Collection

**It is vital that all members of our school community note and adhere to the following;**

- We also ask that parent/carers are punctual at collection times as we only have a short amount of time between each bubble arriving and leaving.
- Only **one adult per child** allowed at drop off and collection.
- We must adhere to government guidance and state that we cannot have any waiting/congregating on the school grounds. Parent/carers must leave the premises immediately after drop off and collection.
- There can be no waiting on the school grounds, in line with government guidance, in between drop offs and collections.

### School Gates

To ensure the continued safety of all families whilst on the school site, the school gates will resume daily closing between 8am and 9am and between 2pm and 3pm. The gates will not be opened during these timescales to allow entry or exit, so please do not ask. Please do not block the drive or the gates to our neighbours' property. Please do not park on the school site if you need to leave the premises between 8am and 9am or 2pm and 3pm. Cars must remain parked with engines turned off until the gates reopen. Thank you.



## Remote Education Curriculum Celebration

I would like to celebrate with you the recent confirmation and validation of our remote education curriculum by Ofsted Her Majesty's Inspector. Our offer was noted as being thorough, rich in quality and content and the engagement and responses by children and families valued. This was observed on the school website, with discussions had around the importance of our newspaper, the Sandal Express, recognising the significant efforts of our school community. The specific page of the website designated for the celebration of remote learning was also noted as was the high-quality content from all year groups; the quality of the written work was a particular highlight.

Thank you to everyone for engaging so positively with our remote education offer. We are pleased that the quality of our offer has been recognised by Ofsted HMI.

## Return to school

As we return to school, we hope that everyone adheres to the guidance from government to ensure the roadmap out of lockdown is a success. We have lots to look forward to; British Science Week, Art Celebration Days, RE Theme Days, Sports Weeks and much, much more. We are looking forward to working together to support a smooth, positive and successful return to school.

Enjoy the weekend

Nichola Russell

Headteacher

