

4th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wider opening of JCA from Monday 8th March

We are really looking forward to welcoming all of our children back on **Monday 8th March**. To ensure we do this as safely as possible, and following updated government guidance, I would like to share with you a number of key points so that you are fully informed of the preparations the academy has taken for full opening next week:

Guidance	Jerry Clay Academy' s response
Risk assessments must be completed by the school	Risk assessment completed. We will post this on our Jerry Clay website.
Schools asked to keep pupils in class or year "bubbles" wherever possible. Keep apart from other groups where possible	Playtimes and lunchtimes will be staggered. Children to mix (no requirement for social distancing) in their year groups only. We have sectioned off the playground for children within each class to play within their designated area with their class only. Each class also has a box of playground equipment for sole use by their class.
Protective measures to be put in place - emphasis on regular cleaning and hygiene	Continued regular cleaning during the school day. All surfaces will be wiped down with antibacterial spray at regular intervals. An additional cleaner cleans all our spaces at lunch time, as well as before the school day starts and at the end of the day. Each of our classes will have their own designated toilets and handwashing area for only their class.

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Ventilate spaces with outdoor air.	Handwashing will be encouraged at every transition point. Hand sanitiser will be used also in the interim between hand washes. PE kits will be sent home weekly for washing. All our indoor spaces will be well ventilated by opening
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Morning and after school provision to resume where this provision is necessary to support parents to work, attend education and access medical care, and is part of pupil's wider education and training.	From March 8 th our wrap-around care will operate as usual from 7.30am until 6pm. To avoid too much mixing between year groups we will have a designated areas for Reception and Year 1, for Year 2-3 and for Year 4-6. The wraparound care team will be diligent with the cleaning of equipment and designating spaces to all of the children. Please ensure early booking of wrap-around care so that we can plan for staffing this provision. All other after school clubs are on hold until further
	when using external childcare providers or out of school activities for your children we are asked to advise you to limit these and only use one out-of-school setting in addition to school as far as possible. You are encouraged to check providers have put in place their own protective measures. Click here for guidance for parents and carers

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Mrs Wood, our Learning Mentor will be providing 1:1 support and will have a designated area of the school in which she will carry this out. Mrs Wood will maintain a social distance from your child and use a Perspex screen; however, it is important that this support is given where needed.

Our Sports Coaches will be coming back into school from March. PE will take place outside wherever possible and regular cleaning of PE equipment will be taking place between all lessons.

Peripatetic music lessons will be held in school with Wakefield Music Services. There will be a maximum of 2 children in those lessons, ensuring 2 metre social distancing.

Avoid congestion where possible - pupils and adults

Our one-way system will be operating at drop off and pick up from the usual entrance to the exit out of the car park.

As in the Autumn term, you will drop your child off at their year group entrance. Please can we ask that only 1 adult drops off? If a younger sibling needs to accompany you, please can we ask that you do hold their hand as you come through the academy site?

Timings will be as followed to avoid any congestion: Please aim to pick up during your child's designated time.

A classes – Y1, Y3, Y5, Y6 Drop off – 8:30 – 8:45 Pick up – 3:00 – 3:15

B classes - R, Y2, Y4 Drop off - 8:45 - 9:00 Pick up: 3:15 - 3:25

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	If you have a child getting dropped off at the earlier time and a sibling at a later time, please just drop off your second child straight after the first to avoid waiting on the academy site. For pick up, please pick up your first child and then you will be able to pick up your second child straight after this. If at all possible please could you help us to protect valuable teaching time by aiming for the middle (8:45 and 3:15) if you have a child in both bubbles. Many thanks
	Please always wear a face mask when on the school site and maintain distance from other people.
Pupils, staff and other adults must not come into school if	Pupils, staff and other adults must not come into school if: they have one or more coronavirus symptoms • a member of their household (including someone in their support bubble or childcare bubble if they have one) has coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms • they are required to quarantine having recently visited countries outside the Common Travel Area • they have had a positive test
Adults (staff and visitors) wear face coverings	Adults (staff and visitors) wear face coverings when outside of the classroom. Children do not need to wear a face covering. Teachers will wear face masks when standing at the door at drop-off and pick-up times. Please could you wear a face mask when on the school site.

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Attendance at school is mandatory	All children are required to attend school by law from 8 th March.

Following on from this current lockdown, we are ready to welcome the children back. Whether learning at home or in school, they have continued to impress us with their resilience, positivity and learner traits. We are ready to engage the children in the full, broad curriculum that we are used to. This is very important for our children's routines. All children will be expected to wear their JCA uniform and they are allowed to bring a book bag to school. These will be kept in a designated area. PE kits will be left in school each week and sent home at the end of the week to be washed. All children will be continue to use their own stationery sets and will only use these for all of their lessons.

Please look out for the safety video reminder on ParentMail which will help us to ensure that we have an exciting return back to JCA and keep transmission rates low in our school and community.

With kind regards,

Mrs. C Elliott Headteacher

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