

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

**RE: RECEPTION RETURN**

Dear parents and carers

As we are now preparing for our children to return to school, we wanted to inform you that we have taken some extra precautions in Reception to avoid the whole year group having to isolate again if we have another positive case.

We will be making each class into a separate bubble; they will have a separate space to play during lunch and free flow and will not mix classes for phonics. During phonics, the class teachers have planned to focus on revision and assessment for the next few weeks anyway, so that their learning is not affected. We aim to keep our weekly trips to the field in class bubbles.

With the new separate class bubble arrangement, it is even more important to stick to the allotted times for pick up and drop-offs. If you arrive before or after your class is due for drop off or pick up, please wait away from the other classes, if necessary, on the other side of the road. Times remain the same as they were last term:

**Pine Martens**

8.40 am drop off

3.10 pm pick up

**Otters**

8.50 am drop off

3.20 pm pick up

**Hedgehogs**

9.00 am drop off

3.30 pm pick up

We will keep the classes completely separate until the end of the Spring term, then revise our arrangements' again for the summer term.

We hope this reassures you that we are doing all we can to enable a safe return and to minimise the risks of another whole year group isolation.

We can't wait to see the children again on March 8th!

Yours sincerely,

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