



5th March 2021

STARS OF THE WEEK

**WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR CHILDREN AND HOW HARD THEY ARE WORKING IN THESE STRANGE TIMES—THEY ARE STARS
WHETHER THEY ARE IN SCHOOL OR LEARNING FROM HOME !**

Nursery —Mrs Jones and Mrs MacKin-	Raven O
Reception — Mrs Moore	Phoebe P
Reception/Y1 —Miss Breslin	Emily E
Year 1 —Miss Forlani	The Whole Class
Year 2 —Mr Brierley	Logan H
Year 3 — Mrs Kan	Jarel P and Calliope T-H
Year 4 — Mrs Edwards	Amelia W, Phin H-S, Alyssia K, Oliver W, Dhiren S and Ruby C
Year 4/5 — Mr Stevenson	Hunter S and Neveah A
Year 5 —Miss Atherton	All the children who have been in school this week
Year 6 —Miss Thake	Jenna Q
Mrs Griffin/ Mrs Schofield	Grace S
Miss Cook	Steven M
Miss Manton	Gabby G
Sports Star	Kaitlyn A

Monday 8th March—School will be open fully again!

We are so excited to see all our pupils and their families again. Around half of the usual amount of pupils have been in school during this 'lockdown' period and whilst we have done our very best to provide home learning for those who could not access places, we know that this has not been the same as being in school. Everyone needs the routine of learning at school along with the companionship of friends and school staff.

We wish to thank everyone for their support during this challenging time. We are looking forward to better times ahead and very much hope that at some point during the summer term things will return to nearer normality and we will be able to welcome parents back in to school to see their children's work.

Please look on the next pages of this newsletter for details about events this term and information about the ways we will help everyone to settle back at school.

School Meals

If your child usually has a school meal please log in to the EVOLVE system before 9pm on Sunday evening so that you can order meals for next week. If you have any problems doing this please contact the school office by 9am on Monday morning so that they can order them for you.

Starting back at school—Important Information

Dropping off and collecting children

The same 'one way' system and start/end times to school as before Christmas will be in place next week. The system is to avoid people having to cross paths with anyone else and therefore minimise risks of possible virus spread.

Please would adults and children over 12 continue to wear face coverings whilst on our school grounds. We know that some people are unable to wear them due to medical exemptions. We ask all adults to keep their children close to them to avoid mixing with different 'bubbles' and keep a 2M distance away from other families. Please could children dismount from bikes and scooters at the school gates and stay close to their parents/carers.

We ask that, wherever possible, only one adult from the household comes to drop off/collect children from school. This will help to keep the number of people on school grounds to a minimum and allow greater social distancing.

Please try to stick to the timings below; this will also help to keep the grounds less congested. We understand that if you have children in different classes you may have to wait for a short time. We hope to be able to revert to the same start and finish times for all pupils as soon as we can.

Class	Doors Open	Registration – children must be in class for this time	Finish Time	Entry/Exit Point
Nursery – Mrs Jones	8.40am	8.45am	3.20pm	Classroom door
Reception – Mrs Moore	8.40am	8.45am	3.20pm	Classroom door
Reception/Y1 – Miss Breslin	8.40am	8.45am	3.20pm	Classroom door
Y1 - Miss Forlani	8.45am	8.50am	3.25pm	Classroom door
Y2 - Mr Brierley	8.45am	8.50am	3.25pm	Classroom door
All Small Classes	8.40am	8.45am	3.20pm	Classroom door
Y3, Y4 and Y4/5 – Mrs Kan, Mrs Edwards and Mr Stevenson	8.45am	8.50am	3.25pm	Fire doors at the end of building – rear of school
Y5 and Y6 – Miss Atherton and Miss Thake	8.50am	8.55am	3.30pm	KS2 playground door

Control measures to prevent the possible spread of coronavirus

Our school risk assessment has been reviewed again in the light of recent government guidance. There are no major changes but there is a renewed focus on the importance of ventilation in schools to reduce the risk of any possible virus spread. The revised risk assessment will be added to our website on the covid tab. We will continue using the sanitising stations and additional handwashing; teaching children in bubbles; keeping bubbles separate at break times etc; enhanced cleaning procedures and PPE used by school staff when necessary. It is not recommended for primary age children to wear face coverings and we do not anticipate that any pupils will do so.

Anxieties about returning to school

Some children will have no anxieties at all about returning to school; some may have little worries or concerns which can be addressed by talking through the 'social story' sent out with last week's newsletter (a copy of it will be saved on the 'covid' tab of our website). There will be some children who have more severe anxieties—these may be due to specific events that have happened to them during the pandemic but could just as easily be due to hearing something on the news or something someone has said. We will do all we can to help so that all our pupils return to school. We offered individual visits to school this week for any

pupils who are anxious about the return to school; a small number of pupils have done this . Mrs Green—our well being advisor—can be contacted on yvonne.green@acrehall.trafford.sch.uk if you would like a phone call or zoom call to discuss any anxieties you or your child have. Likewise Mrs Jones—Early Years Leader—hannah.jones@acrehall.trafford.sch.uk—can be contacted for advice about starting back at school. Alternatively please call or email the school office— please note the new email address **admin@ahps.bfet.uk** - if you would like to discuss any concerns. The old email address—admin@acrehall.trafford.sch.uk—will forward any emails to the new address.

How will normal school learning resume?

Parents and carers should be proud of all that they have done to keep their children learning during this lockdown; we have seen some amazing work completed at home. Many children will have made good progress in most areas. Staff will spend the time until Easter carefully assessing what the children do know and what the next steps in their learning will be. This will not be done by lots of tests but instead through normal tasks and talking to children. The children will complete one short assessment for reading, writing and maths just before the Easter holiday so that we can plot progress they make during the next term. Just before Easter we will give parents the option of a phone call with their child's class teacher to see how he/she has settled back at school. There will be a written report sent home in the last part of the summer term and we hope to be able to ask parents to come in to school after that to see their child's workbooks.

Specialist sports and music sessions will resume next week— please see information at the bottom of this page for days when pupils need to wear PE kits to school. Normal school uniform should be worn on other days.

Classroom staff will teach the usual curriculum including all subjects and will use 'Recovery Strategies' as a basis for circle time and PSHE activities to support wellbeing during this settling back period and for as long as it needed. An example of 'Recovery Strategies' will be included on the covid tab of our website.

Much has been publicised about catch up sessions and summer schools. We will do all we can to help pupils return to school learning and support them to progress. They will catch up but first children need to get back to the normality of being with their friends and their teachers.

Events before Easter

Mon 8th- 12th March—Science week—lots of activities in school for children to take part in.

Friday 12th March – Acre Hall Book Day—our 'World Book Day' has been delayed so that all our children can take part. Come dressed as a favourite book character if you would like to or better still bring your favourite book to school! Wear your favourite clothes if you are not dressing as a book character.

Friday 19th March— Comic relief day - the theme this year is 'share a smile' . Wear non uniform clothes and if you can then please bring a small donation to comic relief. The focus today will be on smiles and things that make us laugh. This means we will be sharing lots of jokes in school!

Week beginning 29th March- Easter crafts in school— sadly we can't invite parents/carers in to school as we usually do but there will be lots of activities for children to take part in.

PE days until Easter—please send children to school in their PE kits on the days below. We will let you know if these change.

Nursery - no kit needed	Reception - Fridays	Reception/Y1— Mondays & Fridays
Year 1 - Mondays	Year 2 - Tuesdays & Thursdays	Year 3— Fridays
Year 4 - Thursdays	Year 4/5 - Thursdays & Fridays	Year 5—Tuesdays & Fridays
Year 6 - Fridays	SSC1 - Mondays and Wednesdays	SSC2—Tuesdays & Wednesdays
SSC3 - Tuesdays & Wednesdays		

Coronavirus Update

We have had no further Covid cases in school this week but there have been cases reported in pupil households.

The latest data for Trafford continues to show a steady decrease in infections. This is really good news but we know that we will still have to close class bubbles if there is a positive case in school. Extended families have spent so long apart and are desperate to meet again but please keep to government restrictions and avoid mixing with other households. Hopefully this rule will not last for much longer!

COVID rate around school ⓘ

↔ **108** Per 100,000

Trafford ⓘ
Decrease of 15 from 123 last week

↔ **101** Per 100,000

Flixton & Moorside and surrounding local areas ⓘ
Decrease of 19 from 120 last week

Data last updated on Wednesday 3rd March 2021 ⓘ

Rapid testing for staff (LFD testing) and Pupil Households

School staff are now testing regularly to help identify people who have Covid but do not have symptoms or have not yet started to feel unwell. Members of households, childcare or support bubbles of school staff and pupils are also able to access LFD home testing kits if they wish to do so. Tests should be completed twice a week by those people who are not testing already as part of their jobs or because they are a pupil at a secondary school. The kits contain 2 packs of home test kits, each with 7 kits, you can obtain these kits by going to a collection point or ordering kits direct to your house. Full guidance including how to order the kits can be found by copying and pasting the link in to your browser bar : www.trafford.gov.uk/coronavirus

Merger with Bright Futures Educational Trust (BFET)



Earlier this week we sent a letter home to parents and carers explaining that the merger between The Dunham Trust and Bright Futures Educational Trust has taken place. This is great news for our school and community. You will notice that new signage is in place and we are in the process of transferring to new emails. Current email addresses will still work and will forward mail to the new addresses.

This merger was the right thing to do for both Trusts for the following reasons:

- Both Trusts share similar values
- This is a great opportunity for both parties to gain experienced staff, new insights and new learning
- Becoming a larger Multi Academy Trust brings economies of scale, efficiency savings as well as wider skillsets and ideas

You can find out further information about BFET by clicking on the BFET tab on our website.

This week we want to say a huge thank you and well done to everyone who has been learning at home over the last few months—we haven't room to show all of you but please know we are thinking of you and will welcome you back next week—we can't wait to see everyone again!

