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MARCH NEWSLETTER

Monday 1st March

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term 4! We sincerely hope you all enjoyed a restful half term break and the wonderful sunshine over the weekend.

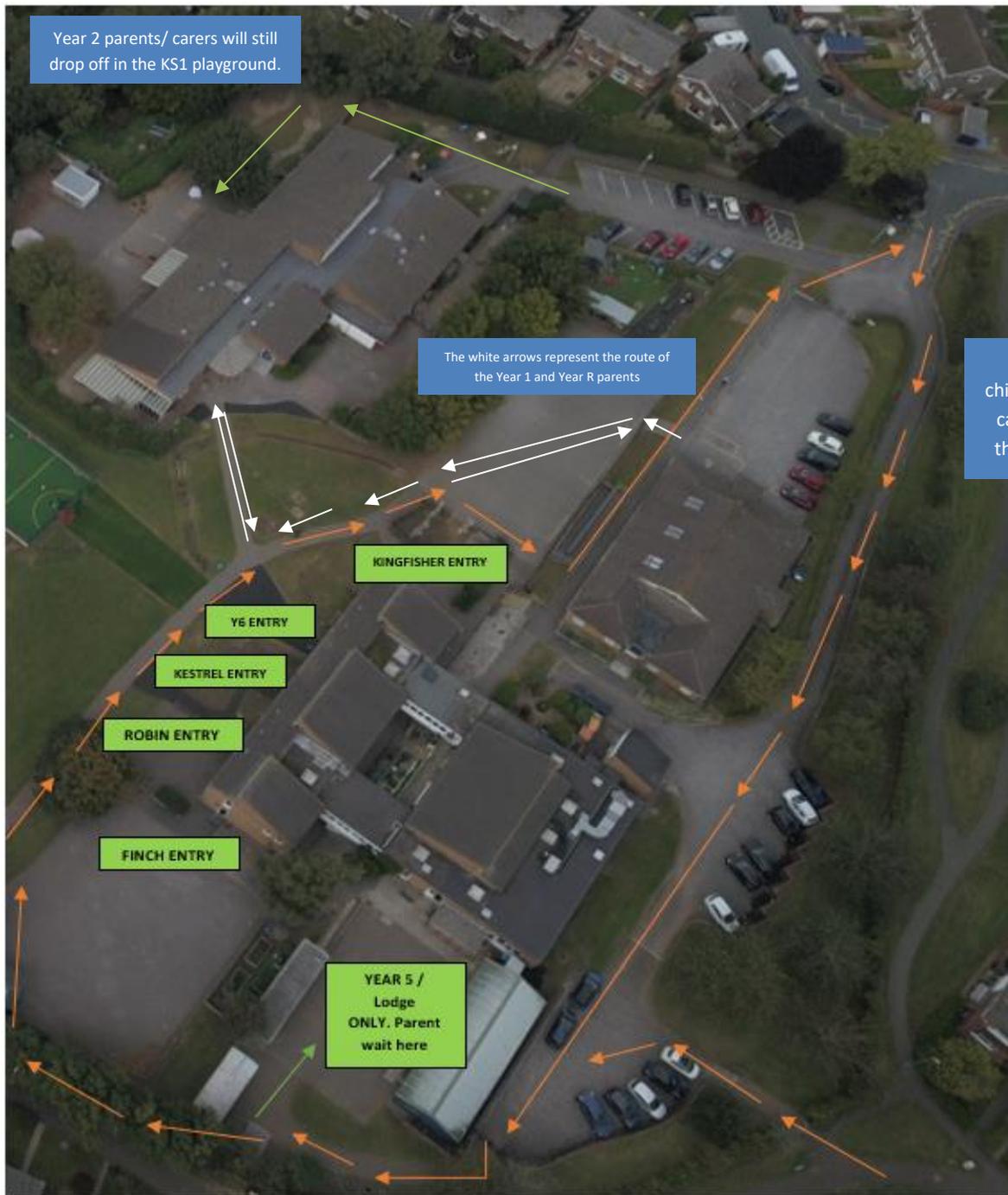
At Raysfield, we cannot wait to welcome back all our children on Monday 8th March; we missed you all. Since the government's announcement regarding the full reopening of primary schools, Raysfield's senior leadership team and governors have spent time discussing and reviewing our safety measures to ensure we can open our doors with a confident knowledge that our staff and pupils will be safe and happy.

Raysfield's reopening plan – Term 4

Many of the following safety measures will not be new to you; however, the actions are no less important now than they were before. It is imperative we are just as vigilant with our procedures as we have been since the beginning of the pandemic. These procedures enable us to operate safely and keep our school open.

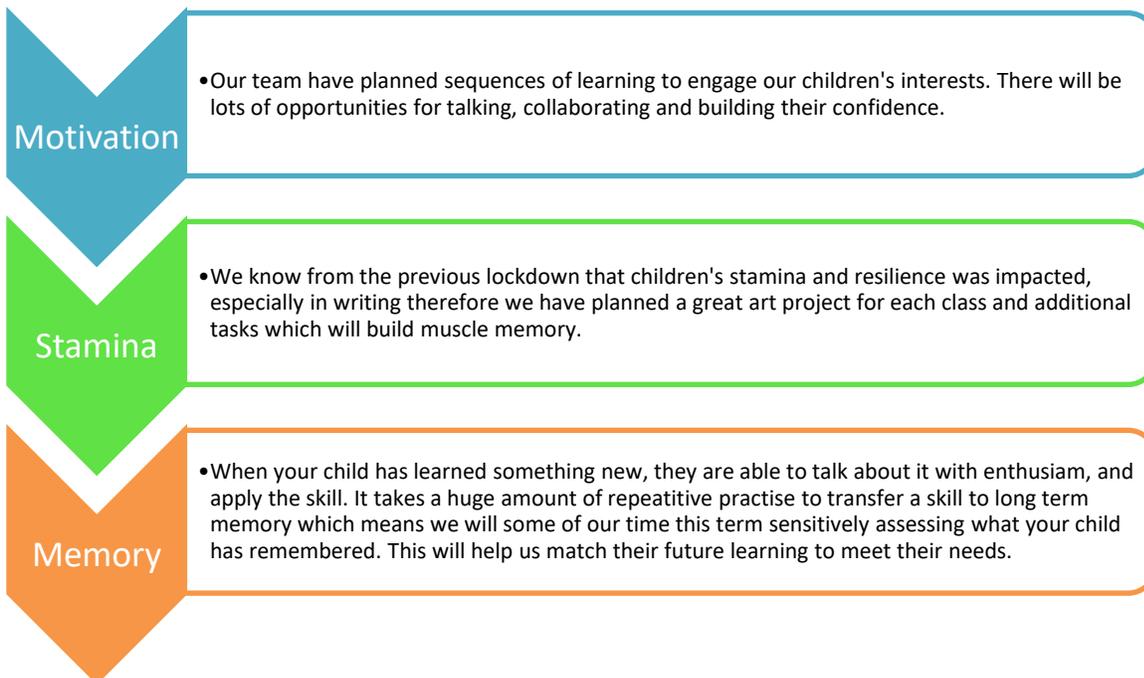
1. Please check your child's temperature, and ensure they do not come to school with any of the three symptoms related to COVID 19 (high temperature / new continuous cough / loss of taste and/or smell)
2. All teachers and the majority of our entire staff team are completing two tests every week. This is providing us with confidence that any staff who are asymptomatic are not coming to the school site. To date all tests have been negative.
3. Please can all parents and carers wear face masks on entering the school site and respect social distancing.
4. **ALL Key Stage 2 children and parents/ carers MUST follow the one-way system.** You can enter through the gate behind the Lodge building as well as through the main gates and you can exit through the side gate. Follow the way of the **orange arrows** indicated on the photograph below. Any people going the wrong way will be politely asked and expected to turn around. We kindly ask all Year 5 parents/carers to wait on the playground area and do not block the pathway. School staff will monitor the system to ensure we are all compliant with the rule.
5. All EYFS and Key Stage 1 parents and carers will enter school through the same way as before.

KEY STAGE TWO ONE WAY SYSTEM



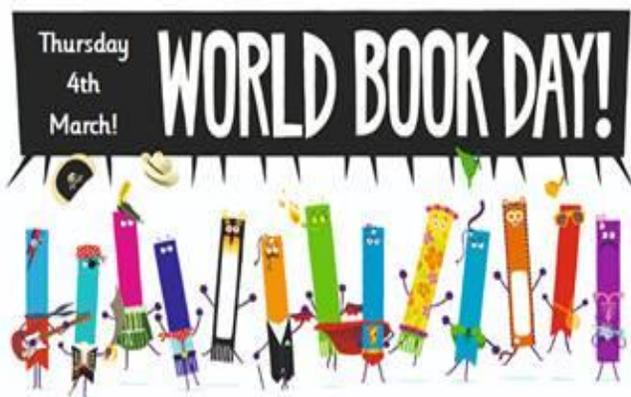
- All messages to teachers will need to be 'virtual', via a phone call or dojo message and not face-to-face. **Please contact the office 01454 86695 if your child is absent (not a dojo message).**
- Please do not come to the office, unless it is **essential**. Only one parent in the entrance at a time.
- During the school day, the children will have regular opportunities to wash their hands, equipment and increased cleaning of their work spaces will be completed.
- Break times will be staggered and play spaces have been allocated. These are the same as before in the autumn term.
- Teachers will inform parents when PE days are and children can attend school in their PE kits.
- Increased ventilation in classrooms is highly recommended and therefore all classrooms will have their windows open throughout the day. Children will have regular breaks outside to enable the air within the room to be refreshed.

Whilst these essential practices will keep us all safe, I would like to take time to explain and reassure you we have also spent many hours discussing and planning an exciting curriculum to motivate your children on their return! This 'common sense' approach is well informed by our professional expertise and extensive knowledge of your children. It is based on three core elements:



Please following the link to the attached video from an Educational Psychologist on the experiences many parents and carers are having. There is some great advice within here also. I hope you will find it reassuring. We have used this research to inform our approach to returning.

<https://youtu.be/g6PZu2llb0Q>



On Thursday 4th March, Raysfield will be celebrating their love for reading by taking part in a Virtual World Book Day! On the day, a range of activities based around reading will be uploaded for children to enjoy reading at home.

Look out for some of these activities, posted on Google Classrooms:

- Guess the character game
- Read some brand new stories written by authors Serena Patel and Matt Brown
- 'Raysfield Readers' challenge, where will you be 'caught' reading?
- Lots of other reading challenges set by your child's teacher!
- At the end of the day, there will be a chance to watch a video of a bedtime story, so snuggle up and settle down to listen at 6pm. This will be posted on Google Classrooms.

We are very excited that we are able to celebrate World Book Day this year and of course our approach to home learning still remains, do what you can.

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