



# SKEGBY JUNIOR ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to confirm that we will be welcoming all our children back to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Please see below for details. I would like to thank you, once again, for your continued support during this difficult time.

## **Staggered start/end to the day.**

To reduce the number of social interactions and risk of Infection, it is still necessary to have a staggered start and end to the day. Please refer to the table below for your child's timings. Children will continue to be greeted at the gate, each morning by their teacher and teachers will bring their classes to the gate, at the end of the day, to meet parents and carers, as they did in the Autumn term. The same arrangements will be in place for siblings.

***All parents and carers need to wear a face mask when bringing and collecting children please.***

Class	Teacher	Gate	Arrival Time	Departure Time
Ash	Miss Graney	Parent Car Park	8.35am	2.50pm
Hazel	Mrs McGibbon	Main Gate	8.35am	2.50pm
Oak	Mrs Boyle/Mrs Carlin	Main Gate	8.45am	3.00pm
Beech	Miss Buxton	Main Gate	8.55am	3.10pm
Maple	Mr Riley	Parent Car Park	8.55am	3.10pm
Willow	Miss Nagelsztajn	Parent Car Park	8.45am	3.00pm
Silver Birch	Miss Barratt	Parent Car Park	8.45am	3.00pm

All Year 3 children need to be brought to school and collected by a responsible adult please. If you would like your child in years 4, 5 and 6 to walk home alone, please email the admin email address to let us know as parents are responsible for their own child, once they leave the school premises. I am sorry to say that parents and carers are still not allowed on the school premises, until further notice. If any parents need to see a member of staff, to discuss anything at length, they must make an appointment via the Academy Office and wear a face covering if they are invited into school.

## **Breakfast Club and After School Club**

Unfortunately, we are not able to provide a breakfast club or an after school club until there is a further lifting of certain restrictions.



## Lunches

The same lunch arrangements as the Autumn term will be in place when the Academy fully opens; children will have a choice of hot meals, jacket potatoes and sandwiches each day or they can bring a packed lunch from home.

## Snacks

We are still not able to provide snacks so please could you send your child with a healthy snack for break time.

## Water Bottles

Please send your child with a full water bottle each morning. Water fountains are out of use but children will be able to re-fill their water bottles. If your child requires a new water bottle, please contact the Academy Office.

## Uniform

Children will need to wear their full school uniform on their return. If your child requires any new items, please refer to our website or contact the Academy Office.

## PE and Forest School

Children will continue to take part in both PE and Forest School at some point each week but they will still not be able to bring kit to school to change into. Please see below for the timetable so children can come to school dressed in their uniform PE kit or their Forest School clothes. I would like to remind everyone that on PE days children must wear their uniform PE kit with their school jumper and a pair of black or grey jogging bottoms or track suit bottoms over the top. Jeans must not be worn for PE or Forest School as they are not suitable for either lesson.

### Forest School

Class	Ash	Hazel	Oak	Beech	Maple	Willow	Silver Birch
Day	Tuesday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Thursday	Wednesday	Thursday	Wednesday

### PE

Class	Ash	Hazel	Oak	Beech	Maple	Willow	Silver Birch
Day	Wednesday	Wednesday	Friday	Monday	Thursday	Tuesday	Tuesday

- ***Please note – Oak Class now have PE on Fridays and not Mondays.***

## Bikes and Scooters

Children will not have access to the bike sheds so they will not be allowed to bring bikes and scooters to school until further notice.

## Hand Cream

I have noticed that some children who are attending school are suffering from sore hands due to the cold weather and frequent hand washing. If it would help your child, please send them to school with a tube of hand cream with their name on and they will be able to apply it when needed.

## Returning Laptops

If your child has borrowed a laptop from the Academy, please send it back with your child on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Children need to take the laptop into class with them so I can collect it at some point during the day.

## Catch-Up Programme

Once all children have returned to school, we will re-commence our Catch-Up Programme and children will take part in appropriate interventions. I am very pleased to tell you that Mr Towers will be joining us for the remainder of the school year to deliver part of this programme.

## Mrs Haigh

In January we welcomed our new Forest School Teacher, Mrs Haigh. Children who have been attending school have already taken part in lessons with her and I am sure all children and parents are looking forward to meeting her in March.

### **World Book Day**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day; we will be celebrating it in a slightly different way this year. Please check Teams and Class Dojo for details from your child's class teacher. Children will receive their book token once they return to school as it is valid until the end of March.

### **Careers Week**

Next week is Careers Week. Please check Teams and Class Dojo for details from your child's class teacher. We are all looking forward to a very special online event at 10am on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March and we hope all our families can join us for this.

### **Rapid Covid 19 Testing for School Staff**

I am sure you will have heard in the media that the Government has introduced Covid 19 tests for staff working in Primary Schools. Skegby Junior Academy is taking part in this. If a member of staff tests positive, then it may mean that a bubble will need to close. Please be aware that you will need to make alternative arrangements should this happen. Thank you for your support in this matter, it is a very important part of our fight against the virus as one in three people who have Covid 19 are asymptomatic.

### **Diary Dates**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March** – Careers Week

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April** – The Academy closes for the Easter break

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March** – Comic Relief Day (details to follow)

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Academy Office during normal school hours, email the admin email address or send a message to your child's current teacher on Class Dojo.

We are all looking forward to welcoming our wonderful children back into school, on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, we have missed them so much!

Take care of yourselves and your loved ones and stay safe!

Kind regards,  
Mrs Marples.  
Principal.