



**Trinity Academy Eppleby Forcett and Middleton Tyas**  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

**March 2020 – Keeping our children and staff safe**

We are so excited to welcome all of the children back into school on Monday! We have really missed having our school families together.

I would like to remind you of some of the protective measures that we have in place to continue to keep our children and staff safe. We are closely following the latest government guidance and our plans and risk assessments have been approved by the Trust Board. I will publish the full risk assessment on the website, on our letters page, for your information.

In many ways, our procedures will be the same as when we opened during the Autumn Term. We will still be implementing regular cleaning and handwashing and staff will continue to socially distance at 2m. We do ask that all families sign up to our 'Covid-19 Home School Agreement' and will ask for your agreement via ParentPay.

**Bubbles**

We will still be operating a 'bubble' model, whereby the children will stay within their allocated bubble.

Our 8 'class' bubbles will be as follows:

- Preschool
- Reception
- Year 1
- Year 2
- Year 3
- Year 4
- Year 5
- Year 6

Please note that at Middleton Tyas, 2 of those class bubbles will share the hall at lunchtime although they will be at either end as follows:

- Year 1 and 2
- Year 3 and 4
- Year 5 and 6

We will also be reopening our Breakfast club and After school club on both sites, so that will technically be another 4 bubbles. Do remember that booking and payment must be made in advance. Do note that these children will then spend the day in their class bubbles.

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### **The bus**

In addition to our class bubbles and Out of school club bubbles, we also have 1 bus bubble. The Years 1-6 who travel to Middleton Tyas from Eppleby and the Reception children who travel from Middleton Tyas to Eppleby Forcett. Again, these children will then spend the day in their class bubbles. Please note that there will be regular wiping of surfaces between journeys e.g. after the Eppleby children disembark at Tyas, before the Reception children travel to Eppleby and vice versa. At the moment, under the current guidance, there is no expectation for children under the age of 11 to wear a face covering on the bus, however if you feel they are able to handle it and should you so wish, they are able to do so. If children do wear a face covering, please make sure that it covers their nose and mouth. Please provide a sealable plastic bag for storage during the day and note that children will need to wash their hands before and after touching their mask.

### **Dropping off and picking up**

When dropping off and collecting children, we do ask that just one adult does this and that you do not bring siblings, who do not attend our school, if possible. You need to wear a face covering and we ask that you socially distance on the playground please. I am so sorry, but parents will not be able to enter the buildings at all and at Eppleby Forcett, we ask that parents do not enter the site at all.

Please note that drop off times will be as follows:

Eppleby Forcett  
Preschool from 9am (as booked in)  
Reception from 8.50am for a 9am start

Middleton Tyas  
We have a one-way system for parents to drop off from 8.35am for an 8.45am start  
For children in Years 1-6, please drop them off at their own classroom doors  
For parents of the children in Reception who will be catching the bus, please go round to the front of the school and wait for the bus near the hall.

Please note that collection times will be as follows:

Eppleby Forcett  
Reception 3pm  
Preschool 3.30pm (as booked in)

Middleton Tyas – The gates will be open for parents to come on to the playground  
Reception children who have travelled on the bus - KS1 door approx. 3.15pm  
Y1 Own door 3.10pm  
Y2 Own door 3.10pm  
Y3 KS1 door 3.20pm  
Y4 Own door 3.20pm  
Y5 Own annexe door 3.20pm  
Y6 Own door 3.20pm

*Please note the change in times for some classes at Middleton Tyas.*



## Resources

We do continue to ask that children only bring the essential resources to and from school - hat, coat, lunchbox and reading book. Please do not send in pencil cases or book bags – We will provide all the necessary resources in school. There will be a box located outside the classroom doors, at Tyas, and the gate, at Eppleby, for reading books. In line with Trust guidelines, please note that children are not allowed to bring their own hand sanitiser into school. Also, they do not need to wear face coverings in school.

We will continue to keep water bottles in school and these will be rinsed by school staff. We are extremely grateful that the Friends purchase these for all of our children.

On the days that your child will be doing PE, we request that the children wear their PE kit to school for the whole day. Class teachers will let you know which days these will be. Please could you ensure your child is wearing the correct school PE kit of red t-shirt and black shorts (or joggers), in line with our uniform policy – See: <http://www.trinityefmt.dalesmat.org/our-school/uniform/>

Thank you so much for your support with these matters. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch. The best way to contact us is via the relevant office email: [efadmin@trinityefmt.dalesmat.org](mailto:efadmin@trinityefmt.dalesmat.org) or [mtadmin@trinityefmt.dalesmat.org](mailto:mtadmin@trinityefmt.dalesmat.org)

Do also remember that the Mental Health page on our website provides links to many useful resources and agencies who can support you all in these strange times. <http://www.trinityefmt.dalesmat.org/our-school/mental-health/>

Take care, stay safe and we'll see you all on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Yours sincerely,

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