



UPDATE November 2020- Information for Returning to School for Parents



Please read in conjunction with advice from the government, this is kept up to date also:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

This information is for all parents with children at Cheselbourne Village School and is an update of previous information to act as a reminder of the systems and protocols we need to follow in the current Coronavirus Pandemic.

Following the announcement on Saturday 31st October of a second Lockdown beginning on Thursday 5th November, schools are due to continue to open. Currently there has been no further guidance from the DfE for schools about how the lockdown might impact on how schools run but I will update parents as soon as any new information or guidance is released.

All our planning and the actions we are taking to run the school continue to follow the guidance provided by the government and local authority. The below information is to remind everyone how school will continue to be this half term. We are still not able to run school exactly as we normally would given the need to continue to put in place measures to keep everyone safe.

After reading this document if you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch with me at school via phone or email. Many thanks for all your ongoing support in the current circumstances.
Mrs See, 1st November 2020

<p>Guidance for if my child or anyone in my household has Coronavirus symptoms:</p>	<p>We have very clear guidance on what to do if anyone at home or in school displays coronavirus symptoms:</p> <p>If you suspect your child or other member of your household may be ill with a temperature, new continuous cough, lack of taste or smell - DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD(REN) TO SCHOOL. Please telephone the school to let us know.</p> <p>The child or other member of the household should get a test done: https://www.gov.uk/getting-tested-for-coronavirus</p> <p>If any child (or adult) displays any of the above symptoms at school they will need to go home as soon as possible. They will be moved to the gazebo (accompanied by a staff member in PPE) while awaiting collection.</p> <p>If any child or adult in school tests positive for coronavirus we will be in contact and work with Public Health England straight away, seeking guidance on the exact measures we need to put in place. It may be that we have to close the school, if this is the case and it happens in school time parents will be contacted to collect your child. We will then issue further information to parents as soon as possible.</p>
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<p>Groupings and Staffing</p>	<p>Class groupings and staffing will continue as before half term - with Mrs Mowlam returning in December.</p> <p>Please note again that due to the nature of working on a small site, with lower numbers of children in mixed-age classes and the need for staff to move between class; the school and pre-school will continue to be classed as one bubble. Even though we class ourselves as one bubble, certain children will continue not to mix to reduce any risk of transmission e.g. pre-school and KS1/2. However, it does mean that if we have a case of coronavirus in school it is likely the school will need to close to allow for time for deep cleaning of all areas and isolation of staff and children to stop any spread of the virus.</p> <p>We are also conscious that with a small staffing team if we have a number of staff off, we may have to partially close if we cannot safely staff the school and pre-school within the required ratios of adults to children.</p>
<p>Social Distancing in and around school</p>	<p>We will continue with our approach to social distancing in schools as the statement in our Risk Assessment:</p> <p><i>We will adopt new behaviour expectations to encourage and reinforce social distancing amongst children (and staff) as outlined in Annex A: Behaviour Principles, in the 'Planning Guide for Primary Schools' (Gov.UK, published 14 May 2020). However, as acknowledged on page 6 of 'Coronavirus (COVID-19): implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings' (Gov.UK, updated 12 May 2020) given the age and nature of the children returning to school, it will not be possible for us to say that we can enforce this. For our younger children it is likely that we will need to physically support children if they are upset, injured, ill or require care, such as intimate care/changing, first aid or support with eating. We also cannot say children will be socially distanced from each other within the group even though we will encourage and stipulate this as a rule as part of our updated Behaviour Policy.</i></p> <p>Similarly to life outside of school at the moment, we will be expecting and encouraging parents to follow social distancing measures outside of school and these will be most prevalent during drop off and pick up times. Please see below.</p>
<p>Drop off/ Pick Up Arrangements</p>	<p>UPDATE - Drop Off/ Pick Up</p> <p>Please continue to use the queuing system outside of school or the Village Hall and wait for each child to be called in so they enter school one at a time and go to their cloakroom area to drop off their things and wash their hands before entering the classroom. The local authority and Public Health England are now recommending that parents wear face coverings at drop off and pick up. School staff manning the gate or speaking to parents at the gate will now be wearing visors to adhere to this guidance too.</p> <p>School children - 8:45am at the small school gate. Caterpillar Pre-School - 9am Mon and Fri drop off at school and Tues, Wed, Thurs drop off at Village Hall. UPDATE- Thursdays will now be in Village Hall.</p>



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	<p>Pick up will be as usual and children will be shown out of the main school gate. Please could parents wait outside of the gate maintaining social distancing and wearing face coverings. We thank you for your patience as it may take a little longer for all children to be sent out of the gate one at a time.</p> <p>Ideally only one parent should drop their child(ren) to school to avoid too many people congregating outside of school.</p>
<p>The Front Office</p>	<p>UPDATE - We will be continuing to run a policy of no visitors in school. All meetings or passing of information with teachers should be done via email or phone please. This is so we can track who has been on the school site in case of any outbreak of illness. Any visitor that needs to come onto the school site will be required to wear a face covering please - this includes parents who need to come to the front door. Thank you for your support with this.</p> <p>As the front office will not be accessible during this time we would encourage parents to continue to contact staff in school via phone (01258 837306) or email. If you feel a face to face meeting is required please phone or email Mrs See to arrange this.</p> <p>Please make sure you use the 'post box' at the school drop off point for anything that needs to be handed into the school office. We will continue to be working to minimise sending any paper correspondence home at this time.</p>
<p>The Classroom & Resources in School</p>	<p>The classroom areas and use of resources will continue as before with children using their own equipment provided by school.</p> <p>UPDATE - Please make sure your children do not bring anything into school that they do not need for school e.g. toys. The only exception to this may be our pre-school children who require additional things from home to be brought in.</p>
<p>Travel to and from School</p>	<p>The bus will continue to run as before.</p>
<p>Uniform and What to bring to school:</p>	<p>Children will be expected to wear school uniform</p> <p>UPDATE - please be aware that due to the requirement to allow for ventilation of classroom areas at this time, children may want to wear a warm layer under their school clothes in case they get cold. Please be assured though that the heating will be on in cold weather and we will try to ensure that no child sits in draughts. Ventilation will be provided via open windows rather than doors where possible.</p> <p>We urge parents to make sure that all uniforms are named as we will be encouraging children to keep all their things together so it is not handled by lots of people.</p>



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	<p>PE Kits - PE should be worn to school on a Monday (for Year 1-4 bringing school uniform in their kit bag) and children will come home in PE kit on Friday (Reception will need to bring their PE kit in on Friday only). All children will need a school PE kit and this must be clearly named too. We will be encouraging the children to change in their own space and keep all their own clothes together.</p> <p>Outdoor Forest Learning - Children need to come to school dressed for outdoor learning on Thursdays. This needs to include warm waterproof coats, wellies or outdoor boots and waterproof trousers. Reception and Y1/2 can arrive in their wellies and waterproofs ready for their session first thing.</p> <p>Reading Books - we still need to minimise the things taken between school and home but are keen to resume reading support at home as usual. Therefore books will be sent home having only been touched by your child or their class teacher. Books should be returned as normal and will go through a system of storage in the library for at least three days before they are sent back out to another child.</p> <p>Lunches - continue as before half term.</p> <p>Water bottles- all children should bring with them a water bottle each day which only they will handle. We no longer have shared water fountains at school. As with the lunchboxes, these need to be thoroughly washed at the end of each day. Children will be able to fill up water bottles if needed in school.</p>
<p>Teaching and Learning inc. Remote Learning</p>	<p>We continue to plan for all children to be back in school however, there may be a need for families to isolate at home for a number of reason such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - if someone displays COVID-19 symptoms within the family, - if you are awaiting test results following someone having symptoms, - if you have been contacted via the track and trace service, - if there is a need for families to shield for medical reasons, - if the school has to close. <p>In the event of any child being well but needing to be kept at home due to any of the reasons listed above, the government has set the expectation that schools will ensure Remote Learning opportunities are available. Therefore in this instance, we will provide families with a School at Home plan with links and activities similar to those happening in school. This is really important so that no child misses out on any more of their education.</p> <p>Google Education - some of our remote learning will be set via Google Classroom which will be used by children in school as well as out of school from November. Children will be taught how to</p>



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log in and access the online content whilst they are in school. We also plan to put together a parent guide to support with this.

We are also unfortunately still not able to host any 'live' events in school or run by the CSF but are looking into ways to host any virtual events - please look out for further details on this.

Many thanks again for your continued support for the school and our whole school community in all of this!

