



Information for Returning to School September 2020



UPDATE - please read in conjunction with advice from the government:

<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 returning to Cheselbourne School in September 2020. Our attendance registers will resume as normal, as will school attendance expectations.

All our planning and the actions we are taking in preparing for the children to return have been done following the guidance provided by the government and local authority. The below information is to help prepare everyone for how school will be upon your return. 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. School staff will be back in school from the afternoon of Tuesday 1st September if parents need to contact us in school prior to the start of the school year.

Many thanks for all your ongoing support in the current circumstances.

Mrs See, July 2020

<p>Children Returning</p>	<p>All year groups will be returning but there will be a staggered start to the school year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September - <i>Staff INSET Days 1 and 2 (no children in school).</i> · Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September - <i>children in Pre-School, new Year 3, new Year 4 and new Reception return only.</i> · Monday 7th September - <i>children from new Year 1 and new Year 2 also return so all children are back in school.</i>
<p>Groupings and Staffing</p>	<p>As we are running the school and pre-school classed as one bubble, staff will be able to move between different groups and classes as we would normally run. Groupings and Staffing for September will be as follows: <i>(Please note not all staff named will be with each class all day everyday but the staff named will be spending part of the week with that class.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Caterpillar Pre-School led by Miss McIntyre and Miss Taylor with support from Miss Gatrill and Miss Bagwell. ★ Butterfly Class, (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) led by Miss Taylor with support from Miss Bagwell, Miss Gatrill and Miss McIntyre. Please see the later note about Year 2.



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	<p style="text-align: center;">★ Kingfisher Class (Year 3 and 4) led by Mrs Collett (Mon-Wed) and Mrs See (Thurs/Fri) with support from Mrs Cattermole and Miss Gatrill.</p> <p><i>Mrs Cattermole is working in school on a volunteer basis, continuing to work towards her Teaching Assistant Qualification.</i></p>
<p>Social Distancing in and around school</p>	<p>The following statement is taken from our Risk Assessment: <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>We will be reinforcing expectations for social distancing, where possible, with positive reinforcement, following our new rules of: 'Be Ready' 'Be Respectful ' 'Be Safe'</p> <p>Despite government guidance, please be reassured that we will not be sanctioning any children who struggle to socially distance, but rather will reinforce the above rules in a positive way.</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>School will resume running full time from September 2020. Everyday 8:45am - 3:15pm for school children and 9am - 3pm for Caterpillars. We will also be offering Breakfast (7:45-8:45/9am) and After-School Clubs (3/3:15-4:15pm) Please book for these via the school office- office@cheselbourne.dorset.sch.uk (We're hoping extra-curricular clubs will resume later in the term).</p> <p>Drop Off/ Pick Up <i>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 stuff and wash their hands before entering the classroom.</i></p>



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	<p>School children - 8:45am at the small school gate.</p> <p>Caterpillar Pre-School - 9am Mon and Fri drop off at school and Tues, Wed, Thurs drop off at Village Hall.</p> <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. 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>We will be continuing to run a policy of no visitors in school unless they have a pre-booked appointment. This is so we can track who has been on the school site in case of any outbreak of illness.</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>There will be a 'post box' at each drop off point so anything that needs to be handed into the school office can be put in there. We will be working to minimise sending any paper correspondence home at this time.</p>
<p>The Classroom & Resources in School</p>	<p>The classroom areas will be used as we would run normally apart from using the Village Hall as another EYFS base.</p> <p>Reception and Year 1 children - will be working in Butterfly Class, the conservatory and the Pod (and the Village Hall for any pre-school/Reception joint sessions).</p> <p>Year 2 children - will be based in Butterfly Class but for part of some days will work in Kingfisher Class with Mrs Collett for Maths and Literacy as Year 2 have done in the year just gone.</p> <p>Year 3 and 4 children - will be in Kingfisher Class.</p> <p>Pre-School - will be in the Village Hall on Tues, Wed and Thurs and using the Pod and Conservatory on Monday and Friday.</p> <p>Each year group will have their own cloakroom area to reduce the number of children accessing one small area. We will also be continuing to reduce the number of shared resources and children will have their own set of stationery (provided by school, please do not send any pencil cases in). Desks will be organised to be forward facing and regular cleaning of desks will still happen.</p>



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	<p>The use of outdoor equipment/apparatus/play equipment/trim trail will happen on a rota to reduce the number of children using the same area or equipment at one time. All equipment will continue to be regularly cleaned.</p>
<p>Travel to and from School</p>	<p>We are expecting that buses will be running in September as normal. If we have further information on this we shall share this with our bus children families as soon as we get it. Bus Books will become electronic from September, please could bus children parents look out for further details on this.</p>
<p>Uniform and What to bring to school:</p>	<p>Uniform- children will be expected to wear school uniform again from September and ideally fresh clothes should be worn each day. 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> <p><i>Children should only bring essential items to school.</i></p> <p>PE Kits - PE will resume in September and will take place on a Monday (for Year 1-4) and Friday (for Reception to Year 4). 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 - we are awaiting further guidance on this aspect of our curriculum being able to continue from the beginning of the year. Outdoor learning has its own set of government guidance to follow and so we will inform parents about this in September.</p> <p>Sun cream and sun hats - as we would normally advise in sunny weather all children should bring with them a sun hat (which will be stored in their own tray) and have had suncream applied before school. We are not able to apply any suncream for children so parents need to make sure they have done this before children come to school. We will still be trying to spend as much time as we can outdoors but will always take the heat and sunny conditions into consideration in doing this.</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 Local Food Links will be providing hot school meals again and these can be ordered through their online system again. If any parents of pre-school children would like to order a hot lunch please speak to Mrs White. EYFS and KS1 children will have their lunches in the Village Hall with</p>



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	<p>pre-school everyday and KS2 will eat their lunches in school. This is to again reduce the number of children in one area at a time.</p> <p>Packed Lunches - If you are sending in a packed lunch please continue to make sure all containers, including lunch boxes themselves, are thoroughly washed (ideally in a dishwasher) each day to reduce the transmission of any germs.</p> <p>Water bottles- all children should bring with them a water bottle each day which only they will handle. We will 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>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. If you suspect your child or other member of your household may be ill with a temperature, new cough, lack of taste or smell or other unusual symptoms. DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD(REN) TO SCHOOL. Please telephone the school to let us know. The child and their household will need to isolate for 14 days but we would encourage you to seek getting a test done. All children over 5, and members of their household showing symptoms, will be eligible for testing and will need to ring 111 to arrange this.</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. If it is suspected coronavirus symptoms, they will be moved to the gazebo (accompanied by a staff member in PPE, this would be the only time school staff would wear PPE as advised by the government guidance) while awaiting collection. Similarly, if they are ill at home, the whole household will need to isolate for 14 days/should contact 111 to arrange for a test.</p> <p>If any child or adult test positive for coronavirus we may have to close the school while we await further guidance from Public Health. 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>
<p>Teaching and Learning inc. Remote Learning</p>	<p>From September 2020 we plan for all children to be back in school again however, as stated above, 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, - or if we enter a lockdown situation again and the school has to reclose. <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 continue to 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>



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Google Education

Over the summer we will also be developing our remote learning platform through Google Classroom which will be used by children in school as well as out of school (for some of their usual home learning tasks) from September. Children will be taught how to 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 to come out in the new school year too. This is an exciting opportunity for CVS and we look forward to new and innovative ways of working in the future alongside our current more traditional practice.

As we are going to be working in new ways with all children from September and the need for reducing contact and social distancing will remain, we anticipate that during the first half term it is likely that there will be no 'live' events in school or run by the CSF for the first half term. However, we will keep this under review.