



UPDATE March 2020- Information for Returning to School for Parents



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 returning to school after the most recent lockdown. Please read in conjunction with [advice from the government](#).

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 run once we open to all children from Monday 8th March 2021. 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, March 2021

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| Guidance for if my child or anyone in my household has Coronavirus symptoms: | <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> |
| Groupings and Staffing | <p>Class groupings and staffing will continue as before.</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> |



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| | <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> |
| Social Distancing in and around school | <p>We will continue with our approach to social distancing in schools as the statement in our Risk Assessment.</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> |
| Drop off/ Pick Up Arrangements | <p>Please continue to use the queuing system outside of school 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</p> <p>It is still recommended that parents wear face coverings at drop off and pick up. School staff manning the gate or speaking to parents at the gate will continue to wear visors to adhere to this guidance too.</p> <p>Timings:</p> <p>To help reduce the chances of mixing between groups in school, as outlined above, it is really important that children arrive ready to come in <i>at 8:45am please</i>.</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 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> |
| The Front Office | <p>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.</p> |



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| | <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> |
| The Classroom & Resources in School | <p>The classroom areas and use of resources will continue as before with children using their own equipment provided by school. All children will have a set seat to support any contact tracing if we have a case of coronavirus in school.</p> <p>Please continue to make sure your children do not bring anything into school that they do not need for school e.g. toys. <i>The only exception to this may be our pre-school children who require additional things from home to be brought in.</i></p> |
| Travel to and from School | <p>The bus will continue to run as before.</p> |
| Uniform and What to bring to school: | <p>Children will be expected to wear school uniform upon their return.</p> <p>Please be aware that due to the requirement to allow for ventilation of classroom areas, children may want to wear a warm layer under their school clothes on cold days. Please be assured 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 <i>all uniforms are named</i> as we will be encouraging children to keep all their things together so it is not handled by lots of people.</p> <p>PE Kits - all children should wear PE kits to school on a Monday morning please, with school uniform brought in a kit bag. Children will also come home in PE kit on Friday. 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 or sun hats and collar clothes for the hot weather. 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> |



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| | <p>Lunches - continue as before, children sit in separate areas in the hall to again reduce mixing between groups of children.</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> |
| Teaching and Learning inc. Remote Learning | <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 continue to provide a School at Home plan via Google Classroom 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. We will also investigate using live links into lessons happening in school.</p> |

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