



Chase Lane Primary School and Nursery Unit

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Dear Parents/Carers.

I hope my email finds you all fit and well. I write to give you details for school reopening on Monday 8th March. I apologise in advance as there is a lot of detail in this letter that hopefully pre-empts any questions families may have. I politely ask that you read it all to safely inform our return to school.

School will be open from Monday 8th March to all pupils from Nursery up to Year 6. The school will be operating a range of measures to ensure that we continue to stay safe as in the 'Schools Coronavirus Operational Guidance'

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/964351/Schools_coronavirus_operational_guidance.pdf

Thankfully, it has been relatively simple preparing for reopening as many of the measures are the same as in September. However, it very important that we all understand and follow all procedures in place to help prevent a rise in case numbers and continue to keep our community and others safe.

A copy of the school's full risk assessment will be available on the school's website by Friday 5th March.

Changes

There have been some minor changes to the school's risk assessment for the March reopening.

- Children are now allowed to use their own school bags but please remember that these should not be excessive in size as storage space is limited. Children must **not** bring any stationary as children will all have their own pack of resources provided by the school.
- Lateral Flow Device tests are taken by staff twice a week to ensure that they are not carrying the virus. Children will **not** be offered these tests but there is still community testing available to all of our families.
- Rules regarding the wearing of face coverings are now tighter. All adults on site will be wearing face masks - this includes Staff and parents. The coverings are to be used in all communal areas and in circumstances where adults might come in to close contact with one another. Teachers are not expected to wear face masks in the classroom as it is very difficult to teach wearing a mask. However, class teachers can use their discretion with regards to face masks in the classroom.

Well-being

Most children have experienced an excellent online learning provision but they have missed out on the social side of life for many weeks now. Many children will not have had any contact with other children or indeed a limited number since before Christmas. With this in mind we plan to spend time over the next few weeks ensuring that some activities help support the well-being of pupils and their social interactions. Such activities will take the form of team games and class discussions so that children are getting used to being around each other again in carefully structured ways.

Bubbles

Children will again be kept in class bubbles. Mixing of bubbles is not permitted during the school day. In breakfast and afterschool club children will be kept in year group bubbles to minimise mixing.

Attendance

School attendance is statutory. If your child is unwell then please call the school office and follow the instructions to leave a message.

Health and Safety Priorities

The government priority is to ensure that social distancing (where possible) and outstanding levels of hygiene are maintained in schools.

Cleaning

The increased cleaning regime continues with all classrooms being cleaned twice daily.

Hygiene

Maintaining excellent hand hygiene remains a priority. All children will be asked to sanitise their hands when arriving at school and washing of hands at different times during the school day will be monitored closely. Alongside excellent hand hygiene measures, we continue to promote excellent respiratory hygiene using the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' campaign.

Start and End Times

During the September 2020 opening of schools we operated a staggered start and end time system. We found that this was stretched out for a little too long and impacted on learning time negatively. Due to this, the window for drop off and collection times has now reduced. I know this will be problematic for families with many siblings but it is the best way to maximise learning time which our children have missed out on. Families with many siblings that may struggle to stick to the times will not be penalised in any way as long as we can simply do our very best to stick to the times as closely as possible. Being late is the main thing to avoid in the mornings as we do not want children from different bubbles all coming in through the school office. Please see the end of this letter for start and end times.

Playtime and Lunch time

Playtimes and lunch times will also be staggered to ensure that children have a safe zone in which they can play with children in their bubble. Each class has resources that get rotated once a week to ensure germs are not transmitted from one bubble to another.

Lunch will continue to be eaten in class. This can be packed or school meals as you would normally expect. Reception children only will eat in the school canteen and will be socially distanced between the three classes.

Please see the end of this letter for details of lunch and play times.

One Way System

The school will continue to operate a one-way system. Reception KS1 and KS2 families will enter via the main entrance by the Health Centre and exit via the KS1 playground. Nursey parents will enter via the Nursery entrance and exit via the KS1 playground.

There are a number of families that have drop off and collection in both playgrounds. Due to the bottle neck nature of the gate between the KS1 playground and the car park, please ensure that you follow the one-way system through this gate.

Ventilation/School Uniform

In order to maintain excellent respiratory hygiene, all classrooms will have windows open at all times. At this time of year this means that it can get slightly chilly in the rooms despite the heating being on high. Due to this, we allow children to wear extra layers in class if necessary but we do still expect all children to have their school uniform on.

Due to current restrictions in the retail sector some children may have grown out of their school shoes. Until shoe shops can reopen trainers will be permitted on a short term basis.

Bringing back books and packs

Before Christmas all children were provided with a new learning pack. In the pack was an orange and a blue exercise book. It is essential that the children bring back these exercise books. Families will then keep safe all of the other resources at home, just in case of any further closures.

Face Coverings Parents and Children

All parents must wear a face mask on the school site unless for medical reasons they do not need to. This is the case for Nursery to year 6 parents. Children are not required to wear face masks in school. Some children might wear a face mask on their way to school which is fine but the mask must then be taken by their adult upon arrival at school.

Homework

Homework will resume as normal upon reopening of the school. This will include, depending on year group, phonics, reading, writing and maths tasks.

Boosters/Clubs

Clubs are not able to take place if it would mean mixing children from different bubbles. However, boosters for children can be organised. We will be seeking to ensure that this is prepared for the summer term. This will form part of the Chase Lane response to the governments catch up program.

Scooters and Bikes

We continue to ask that children do not bring scooters and bikes at the moment as we cannot store them safely for the children.

Remote Education

Unfortunately, there is always a risk that a bubble may have to close if there is a confirmed case in the bubble. In this case we will revert back to online teaching. This means that you must retain your child's log in credentials for Microsoft Teams.

	Start	Break	Lunch		Break (KS1)	End
Nursery am	8:55					11:55
Nursery pm	12:25					3:20
Nursery 30 hours	8:55		11:45	12:20		3:20
			Lunch			
Reception	8:50	NA	12.00- 12.30	12.30- 1.10 in FS quad		3:20
Year 1	8:55	10:30 – 10:45	12:00 – 12:35 Lunch in Class	12:35 – 1:10 In playground	2:05 – 2:20	3:25
Year 2	8:45	10:45 – 11:00	12:00 - 12:35 In Playground	12:35 – 1:10 Lunch in Class	2:20 – 2:35	3:30
Year 3	9:00	10:50 – 11:05	12:15 – 12:50 Lunch in Class	12:50 – 1:25 In playground	NA	3:30
Year 4	8:55	10:30 – 10:45	12:15 - 12:50 In Playground	12:50 – 1:25 Lunch in Class	NA	3:25
Year 5	8:50	10:50 – 11:05	12:15 – 12:50 Lunch in Class	12:50 – 1:25 In playground	NA	3:20
Year 6	8:45	10:30 – 10:45	12:15 - 12:50 In Playground	12:50 – 1:25 Lunch in Class	NA	3:35

If you are reading this part of the communication, I thank you for reading right to the end. If you have any other questions that you wish to raise, please feel free to call or email as we are here in school to provide support to all families. chaselanepri@clpwortham.org.uk

Kind regards and stay safe

Mr Jeffery