

CANON POPHAM C of E PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Information on Reopening on 8th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, the government have now announced that all children, from all year groups will return to school on Monday 8th March. We are really looking forward to welcoming them all back and for us to be learning together again. As we are aware that many of our children have been learning from home since 5th January I am sending this letter to remind you of the detailed information you will need, which you may have forgotten regarding the start back to learning for everyone.

Schools have been issued with updated government guidance on how we should plan for a full return in a safe manner for children, parents and staff. Our school leadership team have carefully considered this guidance and completed detailed risk assessments and planning to ensure that school will be as safe as possible. This is being shared with staff, but is generally the same guidance as we were already using in the Autumn term. You should therefore be familiar with it.

In line with the guidelines, we will be able to welcome all the children back, but will need to continue with the series of safety measures to enable this to be done in the right way for everyone.

Below are the key pieces of information that you will need, to be ready for the return on 8th March. Please be reassured throughout the lockdown period we have continued to provide learning in school to 48% of our children, with no bubble closures or safety issues. We are therefore confident that we will be able to replicate this for all of our children on their return.

Which date do the children return?	All children will return to school on Monday 8th March.
Will children be in school for the whole day?	Children will be in school for the whole day and will not have reduced teaching time. We have to continue with the staggered start and home times for each year group in order to limit the numbers of children and parents arriving and leaving the premises at any one time. Children will enter and leave from the same points as they did during the Autumn term - please ensure that you make yourself aware of where you should access the school and the start and home times for your child's year group. It is important that you respect these timings, so that we can manage the number of people on the premises and the potential for children in different year groups to mix unnecessarily. However, to accommodate this, we will continue with reduced break and lunchtimes so that children do not lose out on any teaching hours- these are maintained through the school day.
Start & end of the school day	In order to keep children & their families' safe, we will continue with staggered start & finish to the school day. We will need everyone to maintain social distancing of at least 2 meters and parents and carers are required to wear a face mask at all times on the premises (unless medically exempt.)



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	<p>Please see the attached table reminding you of all the year groups- their start, finish and access points.</p> <p>When you drop off or collect your children please leave the premises as quickly as possible. Please do not arrive early as this will cause unnecessary congestion, which we all need to work together to avoid.</p> <p>Ensure you closely supervise your children. They must stand with you while they wait to go into their classroom. Even though children will be excited to see their friends, they should not hug each other. Please talk to your child before their return so that they know what they need to do.</p> <p>The recent government guidance issued to schools has emphasised the need for parents and carers NOT to congregate for social chat either on the school premises or the road outside. Therefore we politely request that you leave BOTH the premises and the road outside school as quickly as possible.</p>
<p>How many children will be in the class and what will the classroom look like?</p>	<p>It is expected that all children will return to school on March 8th and so every class will have their full number of pupils in it.</p> <p>In line with guidance, children will continue to be seated at tables in rows facing the teacher at the front. (This is, of course, age related and we do not expect children in Foundation Stage to be seated like this throughout the day)</p> <p>As you know from the Autumn term, children have their own allocated equipment and where it is necessary to share an item of equipment this will be disinfected. Classroom staff will, as far as is practicably possible, be allocated to a single class, and remain with that class consistently. It may be necessary to have a very small number of support staff working between 2 classes, in order to be able to run the school and have a full time offer for children every day. However, we are doing our very best to keep this sharing of staff across classrooms to a minimum.</p>
<p>What will happen at playtime?</p>	<p>Each class group will be kept away from all other class groups. Playtimes will continue to be staggered for each class and carefully timetabled so that no class shares the playground with any other class.</p>
<p>What about lunchtime?</p>	<p>We will be providing a hot meals, jacket potato or sandwiches options for those children who would like a school meal. Please order as usual through Lunch Hound.</p> <p>Those children in Reception to Y2 will all continue to be able to receive a Universal Infant Free School Meal. If your child is in receipt of free school meals, we will no longer be providing vouchers following their return to school, as school meals are available for them.</p> <p>At lunchtime, class bubbles will remain separate and each class has their own allocated lunch time supervisor.</p>
<p>What about breakfast club & after-school clubs?</p>	<p>We have sent out a survey to see if there is the demand for us to start breakfast club. If there is enough demand to cover the costs of running the breakfast club we will start to run this from 8th March. This is very much dependent on the demand and we will let you know early next week about this.</p> <p>As we will be focusing on after school catch up sessions, which will be delivered by</p>



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	teachers and classroom support staff, we won't be running after school games clubs to begin with. We will look to start these up later in the term, if possible.
Uniform	All children should wear school uniform as normal. School uniform is easily washable and we would respectfully suggest regular washing of items worn. We understand that children may have grown during lockdown and you may find that some items no longer fit. Whilst it is an important part of the return to school that children are wearing uniform, if you would prefer for them to move into summer uniform from 8 th March this would be also acceptable, though please bear in mind that we can still have cold snaps of weather.
Lessons	We will be delivering a full curriculum on return to school. Teaching will also focus on enabling children to catch up on learning they have missed, as well as reminding them about previous learning. If your child needs to be part of a before or after school additional catch up/ booster session, we will let you know the detail of this by email. We expect the sessions to start running from the second week back (w/c 15 th March). PE lessons will continue to take place outdoors as different class groups cannot access the hall as a shared space. On your child's PE day, from Y1 – Y6 they should come to school in appropriate outdoor PE wear. Children in Reception do not need to do this as they access the physical development part of their curriculum daily with their outdoor learning.
Equipment	Classrooms are still organised to remove unnecessary equipment, furniture & resources in order to minimise hand contact & ensure that surfaces can be sanitised easily. Children will need to bring their own named water bottle in school as previously. This is vitally important as it will not be possible for children to have shared access to water cooler dispensers and cups, for obvious hygiene reasons. Water bottles should be brought home and thoroughly washed every day.
Social Distancing	Children will be given a safety announcement at the start of the school day alongside very regular reminders about social distancing where possible. Signage is in place around the school. Social distancing cannot be guaranteed as children are children!
Hygiene	Children will be given a safety announcement at the start of the school day alongside very regular reminders & opportunities for handwashing. Hand sanitiser is also available and anti- bacterial soap will be used for very regular hand washing throughout the day. The rules of 'Catch it, bin it, kill it!' & coughing into elbows (rather than into the air) will be reinforced. We would appreciate your support in reminding children about these rules each day.
Masks	Government guidelines for Primary schools advise that the wearing of masks in school is not appropriate. If a child or member of staff wishes to wear a mask out of personal choice, then this is permitted. Staff are required to wear masks when outside of the classroom where they may be interacting, at an appropriate social distance, with other adults.
Cleaning	All of our staff are absolutely dedicated and continue to work hard to ensure that the



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	<p>school is a safe environment in which to learn & work.</p> <p>Daily cleans take place at the end of each school day & all school staff have a cleaning routine to follow throughout the day on classroom surfaces (handles, equipment, etc.) at very regular intervals.</p>
Illness	<p>Any child complaining of feeling ill or who has a temperature will be cared for following our usual procedure, but will need to be cared for in a separate room next to the office area & parents/carers will be contacted to pick up as soon as possible in order to minimise contact with others. We have been instructed that if children are showing any symptoms of COVID-19 the member of staff dealing with the child will need to wear a PPE for their own safety.</p> <p><u>Please ensure that your emergency details are up to date & that you have adequate additional arrangements in place if you are unable to pick up straight away.</u></p> <p>If your child or someone in your household is unwell or shows any single one of the symptoms of Coronavirus, then please <u>do not send them to school under any circumstances</u> in order to prevent the spread of the illness to other children & staff. They should be tested as soon as possible.</p> <p>In this instance, everyone in the household should self-isolate until a test result has been obtained. If the result is negative they can return to school as normal and you do not need to continue to self-isolate. If the test result is positive, all household members need to self-isolate following PHE instructions for at least 10 days.</p> <p><u>Should a child or anyone in the household then have a positive test it is essential that you also inform us straight away</u> as <i>'where a child tests positive, the rest of the class/bubble should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 10 days. The other household members of that wider class/group do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.'</i> (DfE Guidance).</p> <p>School is able to advise on procedure, and will follow the most up to date advice from Public Health England.</p>
Attendance	<p>The government has said that from March 8th all children should be attending school. Normal systems of monitoring school attendance will be in place. If you have any particular worries about anything to do with school, please contact us. We would be happy to address any concerns so that you have so that all children can be back in school and learning again with their friends.</p>



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To remind you of your child's start time, home time and class drop off and collection point please see below. These are the same as the Autumn term.

Class	Start time	Home time	Drop off and pick up location
Nursery	8:45	3:15 (gates open)	Nursery gate from Church Balk
Reception	8:50	3:10	Reception class gate from main playground entrance
Year 1	8:50	3:10	Side gate to Year 1 outdoor area. Access by the side of the drive.
Year 2	8:40	3:00	Year 2 classroom door from main playground
Year 3	8:50	3:10	Year 3 classroom door from main playground
Year 4	8:40	3:00	Year 4 classroom door from the side playground
Year 5	8:50	3:10	Side gate onto the Y5/6 playground accessed by the footpath on the side of the car park
Year 6	8:40	3:00	Side gate onto the Y5/6 playground accessed by the footpath on the side of the car park

As you will see, some children need to access the site by using the footpath by the side of the car park. Therefore, parking in the school car park is strictly for staff vehicles only and the car park should not be accessed by parents and carers.

Please feel welcome to email or ring us to discuss any concerns or questions you may have.

We look forward to seeing everyone back at school very soon.

Mrs Navas



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