

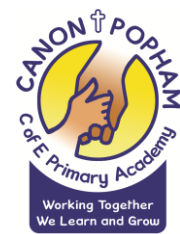
# CANON POPHAM CofE PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware, following the challenges of this year, we are now looking forward to returning to a more normal learning situation in schools from September and I am writing to you with the information that you will need about this.

Schools have recently been issued with new government guidance on how we should plan for a more normal school experience, whilst at the same time, retaining some of the safety measures in place to keep everyone as safe as possible. Our school leadership team have carefully considered this guidance and completed detailed risk assessments to ensure that school will continue to be as safe as possible.

As you know, we have 3 training days in place from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, and the children return to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. Therefore the following arrangements will be in place from as soon as the children return

## **Key arrangements that change from 1 September 2021:**

- No class bubbles needed
- Staggered start and finish times not needed
- Break times do not need to be staggered and different classes can play together
- Whole school assemblies can be introduced again.
- Visitors can attend school
- Lunchtime can return to the dining hall with mixed year groups together.
- No requirement to social distance
- The school is no longer responsible for test track and trace for the school community.
- Educational visits can go ahead.
- **Children no longer need to self-isolate if they are a close contact of someone with a positive case of Covid**

## **Key arrangements that need to continue in September 2021:**

- Lateral flow tests will continue to be used by staff, at least twice per week until there is any change in government guidance on this.
- Children and staff who have symptoms of Covid should not attend school but should have a PCR test ( NOT a home testing Lateral Flow Test)
- Thorough and robust cleaning regime remains in place.
- Rooms will continue to be well ventilated.



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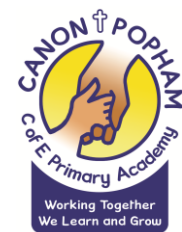
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- Pupils and adults will continue to wash hands/ sanitise regularly as part of our established school routines.
- Schools are required to continue to provide remote education for any pupil who has to self- isolate because they have tested positive for COVID-19 but are well enough to access this.

## What will this look like at Canon Popham?

Where will drop off and pick - up be?	Nursery pupils will enter Nursery through the Nursery gate on Church Balk, as usual. Every other year group from Reception to Year 6 can enter school from the same main entrance gate. There is no longer a requirement to enter school from separate gates.
What time will school start?	The doors will open for every year group at 8:40 and children should be at school for this time. We ask that parents of children in years 5 and 6 say goodbye to their children on the main playground and allow children to walk round to their entrance door on their own. This enables children to start to build their independence in preparation for independent walking to school when they move to secondary school.
What time will school finish?	School will finish for all pupils at 3:15. We are mindful that start and end times will change for some groups of pupils and this represents a 'mid -way' time between the staggered times of the last year. Because we will be reducing lunchtime which, pre-covid was 1 hour 15 minutes, to 1 hour children will get the same, full entitlement of teaching time ( please see below regarding what lunchtime will be like)
What will happen at breakfast club?	Breakfast club will run from 7:45am. Year groups will no longer need to be separated, as there is no need to maintain bubbles. Children from different classes will be able to sit and play together. We request that you book your child's regular place for the half term through the office. However, if anyone has an emergency situation and



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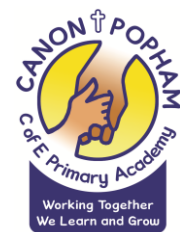
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	needs an occasional 'one off' breakfast club attendance, please contact the office for us to be able to arrange to accommodate this.
What will happen at lunchtime?	<p>Prior to COVID 19, the school lunchtime break was 1hour and 15 minutes. We have reflected on this and feel that it was too long, especially if children were outside for an extended lunchtime play when weather was either cold, or very warm.</p> <p>We reduced this time significantly during Covid, due to the requirement to keep bubbles separated.</p> <p>We noticed during the last year that a reduced lunchtime has enabled children to return after lunch better focused and calmer for the afternoon session of learning than previously. It has also reduced fall- outs over lunchtime and enabled us to start afternoon teaching more quickly and effectively. We therefore feel that we should keep this positive change in place whilst increasing the lunch break time slightly from current procedures to enable children to also have a bit more time to play and socialise together.</p> <p>For this reason, lunchbreak will now be 1 hour instead of 1 hour 15 minutes.</p>
Where will my child eat their lunch?	Every year group will eat lunch in the hall and not in their classroom. Children eating packed lunches will be able to sit with their friends who are having a school dinner. We are well aware that for many children they have eaten their lunch in their classrooms for the last year. We will ensure that they are well supervised and supported to enable them to settle back into the lunchtime routine in the school hall.
What will happen at playtime?	Different year groups will have the same playtime and be able to play together and share the same space on the field or playground. Once again, we will put in place additional support to enable the children to interact and to support their socialisation and play.



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<p>Do parents and carers have to wear face masks at drop off and pick up times?</p>	<p>There is no legal requirement to wear a face mask and so you don't have to. There is also no requirement to social distance on the playground. However, we also understand that many people may still be anxious and uncomfortable about the relaxing of these requirements so if you feel that you want to wear a mask please feel welcome to do so. We would also ask that everyone behaves in a way that is mindful of how others may be feeling and where possible maintain a social distance from those who may still be choosing to wear masks.</p>
<p>What do I need to do if my child is unwell with Covid symptoms?</p>	<p>If your child is unwell and they have any single one of the Covid symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High temperature</li> <li>• New and persistent cough</li> <li>• Loss of sense of smell or taste</li> </ul> <p>They should stay at home and obtain a PCR test. (Not a lateral flow test). If this is positive, they should self-isolate for 10 days, as instructed by test and trace. They will be provided with learning to do at home if they are well enough to do so.</p>
<p>What happens if my child is in a class with a child or staff member who has tested positive for Covid?</p>	<p>There will no longer be a requirement that the whole class self-isolate. The class will continue to operate as normal. Your child would only be required to stay at home in this circumstance, should they start to become unwell.</p>

Please be aware that the guidance clearly states that if there is a local outbreak of either several cases in a school over a period of 14 days, or a local outbreak in the area then schools may be required by Public Health to return to bubbles and increased safety procedures.

Any decision to return to bubbles would not be taken lightly and would be temporary and for the least amount of time possible. However, it is important to make you aware that this may be a 'last resort' option should there be an outbreak in the future.



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We hope that the adaption of timings for lunchtime and the end of the day will work for everyone. However, we will review this at Christmas and make adaptations based on feedback, should this be necessary.

All the staff in school would like to thank you for your support over what has been a very challenging year for us all. We very much hope for a calmer and more normal time from September.

If you have any questions, queries or comments about anything in this letter please contact us as soon as possible to discuss them.

We hope that you will enjoy a great summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Mrs Navas



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