



CHURCHFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear parent and carers,

Reception and Year 1

In a follow up to my letter on Wednesday 20th May, I would like to begin to share with you a little more about what our proposed provision for your child's year group will look like as well as some of the safety measures that we will all need to follow.

As you know, we are planning to have a phased approach to our wider opening which means that alongside our continued provision for children of key workers, we will begin to accept reception children from June 3rd and year 1 children from June 8th. This is providing all our safety measures are in place and that the Government have confirmed that this is going to be the case.

These are our key measures that we are putting into place:

- Classes split into 'bubbles', with a maximum of 15 children
- Each bubble will have an experienced member of staff - this may not be a teacher, but will be a member of our school staff
- This allocated member of staff, where possible, will remain with them throughout their time in school (during this period)
- Separate 'bubbles' of children will not mix with each other, where possible
- Movement will be reduced around the school
- The curriculum being taught will not be 'normal' and will instead be based on our view of the biggest priorities for your children at this time
- Doors will be propped open with windows open as much as possible to aid ventilation
- We will use the outdoor space as much as we can
- Sensible clothing to be worn by pupils (not school uniform). Children will be spending a lot of time outdoors, so they will need appropriate coats and footwear every day
- Separate PE kit will not be required
- They will need to wear a clean set of clothes daily – this is a required safety measure to reduce the risk of the virus. Staff will do the same
- Children will have designated spaces or a desk set at 2m apart, wherever possible
- A packed lunch will be served in disposable bags and will be eaten in the classroom or outdoors (weather permitting). These are available for children who are entitled to a free school meal, universal school meal (KS1 and Reception) or to those who order a school packed lunch
- Pack lunches brought to school from home, need to be in a disposable bag with disposable utensils and their own water bottle (this does not have to be disposable, but the child must be able to open it themselves)

- Snacks will not be available at school to buy, and we will not be able to provide our usual free fruit snack. Children can bring their own healthy snack in a disposable bag
- Breaks and lunchtimes will be staggered to ensure the minimum number of children on the playground at any one time
- Strictly 1 parent to drop off and pick up, following social guidance and keeping to the signage and markings that you will see
- Drop-off and pick-up times will also be staggered – you will be informed separately of these
- Regular handwashing and use of hand sanitizer will take place throughout the day
- Each child will have their own basic stationary, which will not be shared. If other resources are used they will be cleaned before they are used by another child. These items will be kept to a minimum
- No equipment such as school bags or toys to come into school
- Children will not take resources home
- Additional cleaning will take place throughout the day and over the week
- Breakfast, After School and extra-curricular clubs will not be available
- If anyone has symptoms of Covid-19, or there is anyone in the household who has symptoms, your child must not attend school and should self-isolate for 14 days or until there is a negative test result
- Anyone developing symptoms of a cough/temperature or of feeling unwell will be sent home and will need to self-isolate for 14 days or until they test negative
- All soft furnishings and equipment from rooms, which cannot be easily sanitized, have been removed
- School will close on Friday at lunchtime to allow for further cleaning. Children of keyworkers will be able to remain on site as per the current arrangements
- If a member of staff responsible for a bubble is unavailable, it may be necessary for all children within that bubble to stay at home
- We will ask you to sign up to a home school agreement that we will issue on 1st June prior to your child's start

Please be assured that we will support you in whatever decision you make. Attendance is not compulsory and there will be no penalties for non-attendance. Home learning will continue to be provided to those children who remain at home. This may look a little different to how it is currently, as teachers will be on site and teaching in school.

Finally, please do not send your child to school IF:

- They are clinically vulnerable
- A family member they live with is clinically vulnerable
- They are showing symptoms of COVID 19
- A member of their household is presenting symptoms of COVID 19
- They have been in contact with someone in the last 14 days who has tested COVID 19 positive
- You or they cannot follow the home school agreement

Please be assured that we will do our best in these very difficult times to support you, your children and our staff.

Yours sincerely,

Diane Beardsmore
Headteacher