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## ANTICIPATED RETURN TO SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope this correspondence finds you and your family well. I know many of you will have welcomed the announcement by the Government that all children will return to school in September. This is good news indeed as we really do look forward to welcoming all of our children back to school. Currently, we are anticipating that children in Year 1 through to Year 6 will return to school on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** and we look forward to hosting play and stay sessions for our new Reception starters during the first couple of weeks of term (see timetable on page 2).

Our priority, across the ATLP and at Curdworth Primary School, remains the safety and wellbeing of our pupils, our staff and all of you in our wider community. As such, when we re-open, we will be implementing the guidance set out by the government to continue to mitigate against risk. **We politely remind you that anyone on school site must adhere to our rules, regardless of how families choose to operate outside of school.**

### PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES TO MINIMISE RISK

In order to re-open to all year groups in the safest way, the government and Public Health England have set out a series of measures we should implement. These measures basically fall into one of two categories; limiting contact between pupils and implementing hygiene measures.

The essential measures we will be implementing include:

- a requirement that people who are ill stay at home
- robust hand and respiratory hygiene
- enhanced cleaning arrangements
- active engagement with NHS Test and Trace
- formal consideration of how to reduce contact and maximise distancing between those in school wherever possible and minimise potential for contamination so far as is reasonably practicable

At Curdworth Primary School we are planning on reducing contact in the following ways:

- grouping children together in class bubbles
- avoiding contact between different classes or bubbles
- arranging Owls, Foxes and Squirrels classrooms with forward facing desks
- asking staff to maintain distance from pupils not in their bubble and other staff in school as much as possible

### WHOLE SCHOOL ORGANISATION

As you will know, the Government have acknowledged that unlike older children and adults, early years and primary age children cannot be expected to socially distance and therefore primary schools have been asked to reduce contact between children as much as possible. In order to limit congestion at the start and end of the day and to support social/physical distancing requirements, **we are proposing staggered start and finish times to the school day.** We are also proposing that children will have staggered playtimes and staggered lunchtimes too.

Please see the tables below and overleaf for details of the proposed organisation of our school day for September 2020.

#### Start and finish times:

FAMILY GROUPS	START TIME	FINISH TIME
JAGUAR & VAUXHALL	8.45 am	3.00 pm
FORD & ROVER	9.00 am	3.15 pm

**\*PLEASE NOTE: Children attending The Allsorts Club will be brought over to school and collected from school at their collection times**

### **Proposed organisation of new Reception children who are starting school:**

BUBBLE	CHILDREN	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	JAGUAR & VAUXHALL		INSET DAY	9.15am – 10.15am	9.15am – 11.30am	
WEEK BEGINNING 31.08.20	FORD & ROVER		INSET DAY	11.00am – 12.00pm		9.15am – 11.30am
WEEK 2	JAGUAR & VAUXHALL	9.15am – 11.45am	9.15am – 11.45am	9.15am – 11.45am	9.15am – 11.45am	9.15am – 11.45am
WEEK BEGINNING 07.09.20	FORD & ROVER	9.15am – 11.45am	9.15am – 11.45am	9.15am – 11.45am	9.15am – 11.45am	9.15am – 11.45am
WEEK 3 ONWARDS	JAGUAR & VAUXHALL	8.45am - 3.00pm	8.45am - 3.00pm	8.45am - 3.00pm	8.45am - 3.00pm	8.45am - 3.00pm
WEEK BEGINNING 14.09.20	FORD & ROVER	9.00am - 3.15pm	9.00am - 3.15pm	9.00am - 3.15pm	9.00am - 3.15pm	9.00am - 3.15pm

### **Proposed whole school organisation:**

BUBBLE	EXIT & ENTRY POINT	BREAK TIME & LOCATION	LUNCH TIME & LOCATION
HEDGEHOGS CLASS	HEDGEHOGS DOOR	10.30 – 10.45  KS1 PLAYGROUND	EATING IN HALL: 12.00 – 12.30
			OUTDOOR PLAY ON KS1 PLAYGROUND: 12.30 – 1.00
OWLS CLASS	OWLS DOOR	11.00 – 11.15  KS1 PLAYGROUND	EATING IN CLASSROOM: 12.30 – 1.00
			OUTDOOR PLAY ON KS1 PLAYGROUND: 1.00 – 1.30
FOXES CLASS	HALL SHUTTER DOOR	10.30 – 10.45  KS2 PLAYGROUND	EATING IN CLASSROOM: 12.00 – 12.30
			OUTDOOR PLAY ON KS2 PLAYGROUND: 12.30 – 1.00
SQUIRRELS CLASS	KS2 DOOR	11.00 – 11.15  KS2 PLAYGROUND	EATING IN CLASSROOM: 12.30 – 1.00
			OUTDOOR PLAY ON KS2 PLAYGROUND: 1.00 – 1.30

We are asking that all parents/carers and pupils enter the school site through the pedestrian gate and follow our strict one-way system around school in a clockwise direction. We then ask that people exit our school site through the vehicle gate. Where possible, only 1 adult should come onto site to drop off and collect children. In order to ensure everyone's safety we ask that children arrive at school on time; we will not be able to allow people into school earlier than their start time. We also remind parents that children and their younger siblings are not permitted to play on the equipment, in the shelter area or in the shutter areas whilst they are waiting to come into school. These areas will be cleaned and set up for learning so that we are able to allow pupils to use them. We would also like to remind parents that they will need to exit school site as soon as they have dropped off/collected their child. This system allows everyone to effectively socially distance during their time on school site.

### **UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT**

- When children return to school in September, we kindly ask that they return wearing their school uniform. Uniform is available to be purchased from Clive Marks at Boldmere, <https://myclothing.com/curdworth-primary-school/8109.school> or <https://www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/schools/a-c/curdworth-primary-school>
- Children will be asked to come to school on their allocated PE day wearing their school PE kit. This should include their family group t-shirt (available from our school uniform suppliers), dark coloured shorts, leggings or joggers (depending on the weather), their school jumper or fleece and trainers suitable to be worn outside. Where possible, PE will be taking place outdoors so children will also need a coat. You will find out your child's PE day on their first day back at school.
- School will provide your child with a named water bottle on their first day back at school. This will need to go home each day to be washed and refilled.
- Reading books will be changed on allocated days. Your child's class teacher will share this information with you in September. Please can all outstanding school reading books be returned to school as soon as possible.
- If your child is bringing a packed lunch to school in September, it should be brought into school in a plastic lunchbox which can be thoroughly washed each day.

- Children will not be permitted to bring large bags into school next year as bags will need to fit into your child's tray. Children will only need a small drawstring bag or a school book bag (available from our uniform supplier).
- School will supply each child with their own named, filled pencil case in September which will need to be kept at school. Children will not be permitted to bring in their own pencil case or stationery into school.

## CURRICULUM PROVISION

As we return to school in September 2020 many of our children will have been out of school for a little over 5 months. As such our curriculum will need to be responsive and precisely focused to address gaps in learning. Our curriculum delivery will be underpinned by three core principles:

- Strong, purposeful teaching that maximises learning time;
- Well-planned, targeted schemes of work supported by excellent assessment for learning;
- Powerful welfare and pastoral systems

We remain committed to ensuring our children flourish socially, emotionally and academically through well-taught, progressive curriculum content. We understand that children make good progress across the curriculum and in individual subject disciplines when we build on what they already know and what they can already do. As we recover from the prolonged absence, we will prioritise learning in the following subjects

- **English** (communication, speaking and listening, phonics, reading, comprehension, writing including handwriting).
- **Maths** (arithmetic, reasoning and problem solving).
- **Science**
- **Personal Development and Well-Being.**
- **Physical Education** (PLEASE NOTE: there will NO swimming during the Autumn Term)

Other curriculum areas, where possible, will be taught through the subjects identified above.

## LUNCHTIMES

Our school kitchen will reopen from the start of the Autumn Term and normal legal requirements will apply about provision of food to all pupils who want it, including for those eligible for benefits-related free school meals or universal infant free school meals. All school meals (including free school meals) will need to be ordered at least the day before on our School Money platform. For those families who pay for their child's school meals, this year the cost is £2.30 per meal. Our school kitchen will comply with the [guidance for food businesses on coronavirus](#) (COVID-19).

**During the first half term we are anticipating serving cold meals in a 'grab bag' style.** Children will be able to eat their lunch in classrooms so as to remain within their bubbles and minimise movement around school and contact with children assigned to other class bubbles.

Children may also bring their own drink and healthy snack to school with them to have during their mid-morning break. Milk will be available free of charge for children up to the age of 5 years old. If you wish for your child to have milk, you will need to order this online via School Money.

## VISITORS TO SCHOOL

Of course, we will ensure on our return to school in September that appropriate support is made available for pupils with SEND, and this will mean welcoming external professionals to schools on some occasions. However, visitors will only be permitted to Curdworth Primary School on an appointment basis. All visitors will then report to the main entrance where the usual safeguarding procedures will be carried out. We will be limiting visitors to school to those only absolutely necessary. **Parents will only be able to come into school buildings by appointment, and ideally only one at a time. Appointments can be made with Mrs Teasdale via telephone or email.**

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROVISION INCLUDING THE ALLSORTS CLUB

In order to enact the protected measures outlined by the government to limit contacts and maximise distancing we have taken the decision that there will be no extra-curricular sports clubs at the end of the school day during the Autumn Term. **The Allsorts Club will reopen, however.** The opening times for The Allsorts club will be 7.30am each morning and it will close promptly at 5.15pm each evening.

Our intention is to create a before and an after-school bubble; children are able to be in both bubbles.

**Bubble 1** – those who attend each morning

**Bubble 2** – those who attend each evening

Sessions will need to be booked in advance each week and we will not be able to offer children a space at short notice. There will be limited places available at Allsorts Club and therefore sessions will be allocated on a first come – first served basis. This is so we can limit the number of children using the facility across the week and keep the bubbles as consistent as possible. I appreciate that this is not ideal and of course we will review this requirement in light of any new guidance published. To book a place, please contact Anne Arkell ASAP via email at [theallsortsclub@welearn365.com](mailto:theallsortsclub@welearn365.com).

## ATTENDANCE

Our usual rules on school attendance will apply including:

- parents' duty to ensure that their child attends regularly at school where the child is a registered pupil at school, and they are of compulsory school age;
- parents' duty to inform school on the first day of absence the reason for the absence; this is all the more important in the current climate;
- schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence

**We would ask that you do not send your child to school if they become poorly especially if they or a member of their household has symptoms of the coronavirus.** We also remind you to limit the amount of equipment your child brings into school each day to essentials.

Please be assured that our number one priority remains the children's well-being. We appreciate that the coronavirus outbreak may have caused significant wellbeing difficulties for some children and we want to be able to support them on their return to school. Their assigned teaching staff are committed to doing this. If your child is worrying about coming back to school, you could;

- Talk to your child in a positive way about school, seeing friends and teachers again.
- Help them to understand how social distancing works and make sure they can wash their hands properly themselves.
- Let them know that school may seem a bit different, but their teachers are doing everything to make sure that it is safe.

If you have any questions about what will be happening for your child when they return to school, then please do not hesitate to contact us at [enquiry@curdworth.warwickshire.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@curdworth.warwickshire.sch.uk)

As with our further opening in June, all documentation will need to be ratified and signing off by ATLP before September. In addition, please be assured that all relevant documentation including the ATLP risk assessment, once approved by the Trust Board will be uploaded onto our school website for your reference.

In the meantime, I send you all my sincere thanks for your ongoing support and cooperation.

Yours Sincerely,

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Head Teacher