



Welcome back to school- Wednesday 2nd September.

On Thursday 2nd July it was announced that all schools will open for all year groups in September. With this announcement came a publication of guidance that all schools have to follow to mitigate the risks of transmission within the school environment. We will reopen on Wednesday 2nd September to all children.

Over the next few weeks and before our return to school in September, you will be receiving information through Parentmail about the return for all children to school.

We are passionate about continuing to deliver our broad, balanced and ambitious curriculum, however, this must be done with a series of measures that are needed to manage the risk of transmission.

Therefore, we will have to make a number of changes to how the school operates from September. These changes are detailed below:

COVID-19 Symptoms

The school continues to operate the following system

- No member of staff, child or visitor should come into school if they have COVID-19, have tested positive in the last 7 days, or are displaying symptoms.
- Anyone who becomes unwell at school with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature or has a loss or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell, will be sent home and told to self-isolate for at least 7 days and arrange to have a test. They will not be allowed to return to school during this period.
- At this point, any siblings in school will also be sent home, even if they do not have symptoms, as this is in line with NHS guidance. They will have to self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first has symptoms. They will not be allowed to return to school during this period.

PPE

- The majority of staff in school will not be required to wear PPE.
- PPE will be worn by any staff member who is dealing with a child who becomes ill with COVID-19 symptoms while at school, if a 2m distance cannot be maintained.
- PPE will be worn when supporting a child who has routine medical needs. A face mask and gloves will be worn by staff attending to first aid needs.

Groupings of children

Children will be in year groups apart from Y3/4 who will be together. This means that children will play out and have lunch at different times from other year groups. They may be out at the same time as another year group but they will be in separate areas of playground or field. Children will be able to pass one another in areas but will not spend time with other year groups.

Staggered starts

To ensure safe arrival and departure from school we will be staggering starts and finishes, each year group will have a time and they need to arrive at this time.

Nursery- information about starting Nursery has been sent directly from Nursery staff.

Reception- information has been sent directly by Reception staff.

Year 1 and 2- **arrival between 9.05 and 9.15am. End of school at 3.10pm.**

Year 3 and 4 **arrival between 8.55am and 9.05am. End of school 3.30pm**

Year 5 and 6 **arrival between 8.45am and 8.55am End of school 3.20pm.** We ask Year 5 and 6 children to leave their adult at the top grass area of school to walk down themselves and staff will accompany them up to the top grass for 3.20pm.

We ask that adults socially distance when bringing their children and do not stop on the school site longer than necessary.

Recovery curriculum

We will be starting with a 'recovery curriculum' this will be based on rebuilding relationships, readjusting to socially interacting with peers and adults, how to understand emotions and to engage in learning. There will also be a catch up curriculum for basic skills.

Uniform

Children will return to school wearing full school uniform which is available from Lollipops in Berwick Hills. They will also need PE kit which needs to be stored in a bag on their peg.

Equipment in school

Friends of Chandlers Ridge have kindly donated to the purchase of individual pencil cases with coloured pencils, rulers and everything necessary for each child in school. Please do not send anything in from home.

Other equipment used in school will be cleaned between uses.

Wraparound

We will be sending out more details about this over the next few weeks.

Lunches

We will be sending more information about this over the next few weeks.

Contact with school

All contact with school needs to be through enquiries email address, phone calls or absences can be recorded on Parentmail. Parents will not be able to go into the front entrance to the office. A member of staff will be available outside. Parents will need an appointment to come into school.

We understand that the school will be operating in a very different way to usual but please rest assured that we are putting the safety of our children and the staff first. Thank you for your continued support and we are very much looking forward to welcoming all of our children back to school in September.