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Dear Parent/Carers,

### Welcome to Nursery September opening

September will soon be here and we are very much looking forward to starting our new nursery year. It will be wonderful to welcome all of the children into nursery and to resume nursery life. We have taken time to review all of the government, DfE and Public Health England guidance and are confident that our procedures and operational structures will minimise the risk of spreading the virus and provide everyone in our school with a rich learning environment that is as safe as possible. We are absolutely focused on ensuring that all children return in September to continue with their learning and we have in place a clear strategy.

Our focus is caring for your child in a safe environment and we will ensure that all the children settle well within a supportive learning classroom, that addresses the needs of every child. The nursery will look a little sparser than usual, to allow for areas to be easily cleaned, but the children will still have access to a wide range of resources to support their play based curriculum.

After very careful planning, we have provided the following information for you and your child to follow once they start at school. As always we will continue to monitor and adapt our planning and organisation in line with government guidance and advice, so please be aware that the information may change. If this is the case, then we will inform you of any relevant changes as soon as we possibly can.

### Pupil wellbeing

We understand that some children and their families may have some anxieties about returning to school or starting in September. At Cawood, we have a well-established ethos to support health and wellbeing through our 5 ways to flourish (**be active, connect, take notice, give, keep learning**) and our school values (**Perseverance, Friendship, Thankfulness Wisdom**) within a Christian context. We pride ourselves in the wealth of support, nurture and care that we provide not only for our children, but for our families too. Our staff and our dedicated home school help (Mrs Coleman) will help with any anxieties or worries you or your child may have upon returning. If you would like to discuss any concerns or worries either prior to your child returning to school or during the school term, please email school admin or phone the school office and we will reply as soon as we are able.



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Nursery  
Start time – 8.45am End time – 11:45am

Nursery routines and procedures

- Each morning **one parent/carer** is to bring your child through the school gate to the nursery outdoor gate. Allocated start times have been given to classes to allow children and adults to enter and exit school premises at a social distance. If you have another child in a different class, then you can drop off both children at the earliest stated time. Your child will be met by a member of staff at the **external nursery gate and will welcome your child into the nursery classroom**. Please also collect your child from here. (1 adult only) Please be aware of social distancing at all times (two metres where this is possible or one metre).
- Nursery will form its own bubble. The aim of these protective bubbles is to minimise contact with other children and reduce the risk of spreading the COVID-19.
- Each bubble will be isolated from all other bubbles as much as possible.
- The bubble will be taught and cared for by the same staff every day where possible and will contain the same children.
- We adhere to a high standard of hygiene at all times. Children and staff will regularly wash hands or use hand sanitiser to promote good self- hygiene, along with good respiratory hygiene, making sure tissues are placed in a bin.- **‘catch it, bin it, kill it’**
- In order to limit things brought from home coats and bags will be stored outdoors. Please prepare a bag of spare clothes to be left at Nursery.
- In order to reduce the need for personal care please dress your child in clothes they can manage independently. **NO SHOE LACES**. Thank you.
- Following government guidelines, it has been necessary to make some changes to the nursery environment, but we have created a creative space that children will enjoy and thrive in. Resources are kept within the nursery bubble and are regularly cleaned as per the government guidance. The government recognises that younger children will not be able to maintain social distancing, and it is acceptable for them not to distance within their group.
- The outdoor environment will be used as much as possible. Please ensure that if the weather is warm, sun cream has been applied before Nursery and that your child has a sunhat. If cooler please ensure that a suitable coat is worn.
- Milk, water and fruit will be available for snacks.
- If you wish to discuss anything with a member of staff, then please phone the school office and leave a message. Unfortunately, we will not be able to discuss things with you in the playground.
- Child minders-if your child is collected by a child minder then we would expect you to keep them up to date with the procedures we have in place.

We do hope that the beginning of the new academic year will go smoothly and will be a happy and fulfilling time for the children and for all of us. Thank you for supporting the safe practices and procedures of our nursery and our school. Please do not hesitate to contact me or the school office if you have any questions or concerns.

We will continue to update our arrangements in line with the latest local and government advice.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs. S Rodgers



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