



September update - Sunday September 6<sup>th</sup>

Dear parents and carers,

**Welcome back to school for the start of the new academic year 2020 -2021.**

I hope that you have had a good summer and welcome back after what seems to have been a very long period of time away from school. We are very much looking forward to starting the new term and the new year and seeing all the children again in school.

Here is a reminder of the arrangements for September with the latest updates :-

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September is a training day.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September the children start back at school for the new term. Please check the Bubble letter for the arrival time for the start of the day.

**A brief summary of some of the key points for September**

All children in all year groups will be expected to return to school in September. Please be aware that the Nursery and Reception children, as is normally the case, will have their own transition arrangements into school.

The children will be arranged into 'protective bubbles' (Class Bubbles). Desks, seating arrangements, lunch arrangements, toilet arrangements, playtimes and safe walking in the corridors have all been arranged over the summer.

Children will, for the most part, stay in their Class Bubble and will not move groups for phonics (Read Write Inc. ) or maths ( Maths No Problem ). Movement around school and between Bubbles will be discouraged and kept to an absolute minimum.

The Class Bubbles will have staggered break and lunchtimes and staggered starts and ends to the day, to minimise numbers of parents and children in any one place.

Social distancing will continue to be in place following the latest government guidelines. Staff will social distance at 2 metres but 1 metre where 2 metres is not possible. Children will be encouraged to social distance but it is recognised that this will not be possible in classes with more than 15 children.

**The curriculum.**

We will follow the National Curriculum and this will be broad and balanced in covering all the curriculum areas. This includes PE and sports. Club Doncaster and peripatetic staff will be allowed to come into school to deliver lessons keeping to the guidance and following our safe rules.

### **Staggered times of the day.**

The start and finish times of the day are different for each Class Bubble. We will use different entrances into school to minimize, wherever possible, any groups of parents and children having to come together in any one place.

### **Out of school child care settings**

Please be aware of the heightened and additional risks that relate to children attending and mixing with children of outside settings other than school.

It is crucial that we continue to ensure that we are minimising any risks to our children, staff and the wider community. Therefore, parents and carers are being encouraged to limit the number of settings their children attend as far as possible, and ideally to ensure their children attend the same setting consistently.

We are therefore recommending that children will only attend one setting. However, following the government's advice, **children who attend a different setting may now also come into school**, only where this is absolutely essential and there is no other possible arrangement. For example, only where this is essential and as a last resort, children can be brought into school by a child minder and children can attend before and after school clubs and also come into school. I do need to stress that this is following the latest government advice at the time of writing and **this could change** if the infection rate rises and/or there is a recognised spike in the local area.

### **Dedicated transport for Cawood School**

Transport should be running as usual from September. Children should be seated at a social distance and they may be required to wear a face mask whilst on the mini bus.

Please avoid the use of cars where you can and please walk or cycle to school.

### **What happens if your child is not well in September or shows symptoms of the virus?**

As a brief reminder:

If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), you will be contacted immediately and asked to come into school to take care of your child at home. Your child will be advised to have a test.

**Negative test result**- if you and/or your child feels well and no longer has the symptoms, then you do not need to self-isolate. If your child still feels unwell but with other symptoms, then we recommend staying away from school until your child feels better.

**Positive test result** – if the test result is positive then the child must self- isolate for at least 10 days and follow the 'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection'. The **10 day period** starts from when the child/person first became ill.

Other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.

Hopefully this won't happen, but if your child does feel unwell in school, you will be contacted immediately. Your child will be looked after in the quiet and isolated area of the library until you are able to come into school to collect your child.

### **What happens in school if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus?**

- If your child does have a positive test then you should immediately inform the school and the child must isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of the symptoms. The household of the confirmed test should self-isolate for at least 14 days from the time the person first developed the symptoms.
- The school will take swift action as underpinned by the risk assessment and safe working practices.
- We will contact the Health Protection Team (HPT) and follow their advice.
- Parents and carers of the Class Bubble where the positive test is confirmed will be notified.
- It is likely that other children and staff within the Bubble may have to self-isolate for 14 days. Other household members of the children of the Class Bubble do not need to self-isolate if they do not have the symptoms. If anyone does develop the symptoms they should have a test immediately.

If you are unsure about what to do or you have any questions, then please ring the school office. We will do our best to answer any questions and offer the latest advice.

### **School uniform**

Please wear school uniforms as normal.

### **Games and PE kits**

Remember that your child should come to school wearing their PE/games kit on the days they have their PE/games lessons. Warm tracksuits (or similar) can be worn over the top of the PE/games kit for an extra layer of warm clothing.

We hope that it will be a happy and enjoyable week as we start the new term. Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns and we will try to answer your questions.

All the year groups were sent out a bubble letter in August. The information is also added to the website if you need to check any details or require a further copy.

Our emphasis at the start of the new term will be on welcoming all the children back into school and making this a very smooth transition into the new classes and a very happy time.

The staff and governors have worked hard throughout the summer to make sure the school is safe and well prepared. We are all here to warmly welcome all the children after the summer break and a long period of time away from school. We are dedicated to meeting the needs of the children and we will help and support all children to catch up on their learning where this is needed.

Yours sincerely

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