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Re: The return to school in September 2020 for all pupils

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the support you have shown our school during the pandemic. None of us could have predicted these unprecedented times. The school and staff have had to make many changes and adaptations over these past months, from working in the hubs, to partially re-opening school, to planning and supporting home learning. And you yourselves, as parents, have had to juggle being parents, workers and teachers! Your children and your ongoing support have kept us going during some difficult and challenging times. The end of this year feels very different but we are now busy planning ahead for September and the new 20/21 academic year.

Our school is opening fully in September. This letter is to share important information to help you to prepare your child for their return. Reopening school is vital for your child's education and wellbeing; therefore, we will ensure that all pupils can return in the Autumn term and do so safely. We will continue to put measures in place, in line with relevant risk assessments, to help keep all members of our school community safe.

When the school will reopen?

The school will reopen on Wednesday 2nd September. The school day is 8.55 a.m. – 3.10 p.m.

Our Reception children will be attending half-days to help with their transition from the 2nd September until Monday 14th September, when they will start full-time.

Attendance

Attendance for all pupils is mandatory from the beginning of the Autumn term, including for pupils who have, so far, been advised to shield at home. Pupils who are self-isolating due to presenting with symptoms of coronavirus, or have been exposed to somebody presenting with symptoms of coronavirus, must not attend school until the self-isolation period has passed or they test negative for coronavirus. If your child presents with coronavirus symptoms, the self-isolation period is seven days; if a member of your household presents with coronavirus symptoms, the self-isolation period for your child is 14 days.



Please be mindful if you are going abroad that some destinations require a 14 days self- isolation period on return and would affect your child's attendance depending on when you book a holiday. Please contact us if that is the case.

Drop off and Pick ups

The school will not be using staggered starting and finishing times. Instead, we ask that parents and children use different entrances to school as a control measure. Please see the table below for information for each year group. We encourage parents and children to walk to school where they can.

No cars will be allowed in the carpark other than staff cars for the children's safety.

Group	Arrival	Pick-up	Information
Rec	The top Reception gate (near turning circle) will be opened at 8.45 a.m. and a teacher will be there to collect the children from a parent.	3:10 p.m. From Reception top gate.	One parent/adult to drop child off Please do not park in the turning circle. The gate will be closed and locked at 9a.m.
Year 1	The side entrance (church side) on to the KS1 yard will open from 8.40 a.m. and a teacher will call the children in from their external door at 8.50 a.m.	3:10 p.m. From outside external door, on KS1 yard	One parent/adult to drop child off. There will be markings for lining up. Please do not park in the turning circle. The gate will be closed and locked at 9a.m.
Year 2	The side entrance (church side) on to the KS1 yard will open from 8.40 and a teacher will call children in from their door at 8.50 a.m.	3:10 p.m. From outside external door, on KS1 yard	One parent/adult to drop child off. There will be markings for lining up. Please do not park in the turning circle. The gate will be closed and locked at 9a.m.
Year 3	Main entrance open from 8.40 a.m. No earlier please. Supervision on main yard from 8.40 a.m.	Via main entrance and collect from outside class doors 3:10 p.m.	We ask that one parent/adult bring their child on to site via the main entrance and walk the children round to their external class door where their teacher will call them in.
Year 4	Main entrance open from 8.40 a.m. No earlier please. Supervision on main yard from 8.40 a.m.	3:10 p.m. Children leave via main gate.	Child to make their way on to the school site (no parents) via main entrance and go directly to zone A ready to be collected by class teacher.
Year 5	Main entrance open from 8.40 a.m. No earlier please. Supervision on main yard from 8.40 a.m.	3:10 p.m. Children leave via main gate.	In the morning, child to make their own way onto site And go directly to zone B ready to be collected by class teacher.
Year 6	Main entrance open from 8.40 a.m. No earlier please. Supervision on main yard from 8.40 a.m.	3:10 p.m. Children leave via main gate.	In the morning, child to make their own way onto site and got directly to zone C ready to be collected by class teacher.





Year 2 External entrance



Year 1 External entrance



Side entrance gate for Year 1 and 2



Reception top Gate



Miss Blair's external door Year 3 Class 7



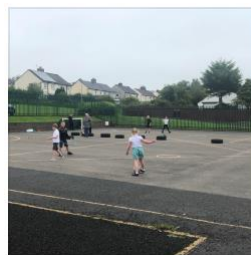
Mrs Benson Lester's external door Year 3 Class 6



Zone A Year 4



Zone B Year 5



Zone A Year 6



Main entrance

Infection control measures as of September

It is important that we maintain proportionate infection control when we welcome back all pupils and staff from the start of the Autumn term. To ensure everyone's safety, we will be enforcing the following as part of our risk assessment:

- Anyone who is unwell and displaying symptoms of coronavirus will be asked to stay at home for seven days.
- Robust hand and respiratory hygiene practises will be promoted
- Enhanced cleaning will be undertaken as necessary, including cleaning any frequently touched surfaces throughout the day.
- The NHS 'Test and Trace' system will be actively used and followed.
- Limitations will be placed on the number of people staff and pupils encounter during the school day.
- Large gatherings will be avoided, e.g. assemblies, which will take place in class

-Pupils will be grouped in classes first and foremost and together in bubbles for breaks/lunchtimes

Bubble A - RECEPTION

Bubble B – YEAR 1 AND 2

Bubble C – YEAR 3 AND 4

Bubble D – YEAR 5 AND 6

- Contact between bubbles will be avoided.
- Desks will be faced forwards to minimise face-to-face interaction between pupils.
- Older children will be supported to maintain social distancing
- Parents will be allowed into school by appointment only. We will not be handling any cash in the office so please make sure any payments are made via parent mail.

Catering arrangements

School kitchens will be fully open from the start of the Autumn term and will serve both hot and cold food. Free school meals (FSM) will be provided as normal. Children on packed lunches can bring in their own lunch boxes. ALL PUPILS MUST HAVE THEIR OWN WATER BOTTLE. Water fountains will not be used in school.

Pupils will be asked to remain in their designated bubbles at lunchtime and will eat their lunches in their classes, except Reception and Year 6 who will have theirs in the hall at separate times. Each class/bubble will have their own midday supervisors.



School uniform and resources

The school expects all pupils to wear school uniform from the beginning of the Autumn term – pupils' compliance will be managed in line with the School Uniform Policy. Equipment children bring in to school is limited to P.E kit, coats, and book/school bag. Children do not need to bring in their own pencil cases as we will provide equipment.

Paddy's Pad/Wraparound Care

There will be wrap around provision from Thursday 3rd September. A separate letter will go out soon regarding this and it will require parents to book their children in via an online form for the month ahead. To ensure that we keep the groups consistent for this we will not be able to take bookings on the day.

Should you have any queries or concerns about your child returning in September, please contact the school office via telephone 01946 810513 or e mail admin@st-patricks-cleatormoor.cumbria.sch.uk and we will be happy to discuss these with you.

We hope you and your family are safe and well. I would also like to wish our Year 6 all the best as they move onto Secondary school; we will miss you all.

I will keep you updated over the Summer and look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Yours sincerely,

Gayle Wilkinson
Headteacher

