



Arnside National Primary School

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Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope you are all well and families have had some opportunity to relax, recharge and enjoy the summer break. Our plans to open the whole school are in place and we are very excited to be welcoming back pupils we haven't seen for a long time! This term will be challenging in many ways but we will endeavour to ensure a smooth transition of pupils back into classes. Routines will be different but children are amazingly adaptable and will soon get used to our new way of working. As I explained in July, whole school activities such as assemblies, School Church, PTA events etc have not been planned due to the continuing restrictions. Hopefully, as restrictions ease, we can begin to introduce some events back in to the diary.

We are extremely pleased to be welcoming several new families into the school and we look forward to meeting the new pupils in September. We aim to provide stability and continuity for your child and a structure that will enable every individual to fulfil their full potential.

We are currently developing the school library area and Mr & Mrs Jackson, Knott Kitchens, who have done a fantastic job creating new shelving and seating areas – thank you so much for your help and support, it looks wonderful. Staff have also been busy throughout the holiday preparing classrooms, timetables and lessons; it's been a hive of activity from planning to painting classrooms!

School will operate in a bubble system of junior and infant pupils. Pupils from KS1 will have different lunchtime and playtime routines to KS2 and a staggered start and finish time. It is not feasible to implement a full class bubble system due to staffing, building constraints and break / lunchtime routines. Our focus will continue to be on good hygiene and effective handwashing. Classroom resources will still be kept to a minimum and, where possible, will be washed / disinfected on a daily basis. There will be limited sharing of equipment and pupils will have designated pens, pencils etc.

Reminders from the July letter include:

Term dates

We will again be following the Cumbria County Council holiday dates and these can be found on the school website. As a reminder for Autumn:

Tuesday 1 st Sept	INSET for staff training
Wednesday 2 nd Sept	Pupils start back
Mon 26 th to Fri 30 th Oct	Half Term
Friday 18 th Dec	End of term



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Start / finish times

In order to limit the number of parents / pupils in the school yard, we will be operating a staggered start and finish system. Whilst waiting for children, adults are asked to space themselves to comply with social distancing guidance. As soon as children have been dropped off or collected, adults should promptly leave the school site. Thank you for your co-operation.

Class	Start time	Entrance / exit	Finish time
Nursery	9.00am	Rear Nursery door	12 noon from the office or 3.00pm
Reception / Year 1	9.00am	Infant door	3.10pm
Year 1 / 2	9.00am	Y1 / 2 Classroom door	3.10pm
Year 3 / 4	8.50am	Y3 / 4 Classroom door	3.15pm
Year 4 / 5	8.50am	Y4 / 5 Fire exit door	3.15pm
Year 6	8.50am	Hall door	3.15pm

Wrap-around care

We are very pleased to continue to offer after-school care with Arnie's; Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Holroyd will be delivering sessions daily, from 3.15 to 6.00pm. Breakfast club with Mrs Reynolds will also be available daily, from 8.00am. Existing users can book sessions online, before 5pm on the previous day, using LunchShop. Please contact the school office if you would like to register for wrap-around care. Pre-booking and payment is an essential requirement.

Visitors

Only pre-arranged visitors will be allowed into the school building at any point. If you need to collect your child during the day, please use the main entrance and arrange a time with the office staff. Music lessons and additional PE coaching will also start in September.

School lunches

We will be starting hot meals again from the 2nd September for all pupils, and food can be ordered using the usual LunchShop system. Due to limiting the pupil numbers in the hall, some classes may be required to eat their lunches in classrooms. We will be implementing a rota system to ensure pupils are spaced appropriately and tables / chairs will be cleaned between class bubbles.

School / localised / regional lockdown

In the event of a local / regional Covid-19 outbreak, schools may be forced to close for a short period and we are being asked to have plans in place to reinstate home learning. School would use the existing website, Class email and Dojo systems to provide short term virtual schooling as used during the lockdown period. In the event of a positive Covid-19 case, the bubble system will allow school to only partly shut and still continue to operate with the remaining pupils.



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Uniform

From September, pupils will be required to wear their normal full uniform. On PE days, pupils should come to school wearing their PE kits. *This will start from Monday 7th September. Please could pupils wear uniform on the first day, Wednesday 2nd September.*

PE days:

Mondays	Rec/Y1, Y1/2, Y4/5 & Y6
Tuesdays	Nursery & Y3/4
Wed	Whole school

Also, please can Nursery pupils bring indoor shoes that can be left in school e.g. slippers or black pumps.

I have no doubt there are further challenges ahead this term but we will do our utmost to ensure a safe, calm and positive environment for pupils, parents and carers. Your child's well being is at the heart of everything we do and staff work extremely hard to make sure your child is happy, motivated and excited to learn. Parental support has been outstanding and I would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding throughout this difficult period. By working together, we can begin to create some form of normality for pupils and look forward to the future, even with restrictions in place!

Thank you again for your help, understanding and support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Sharp

