



# Arnside National Primary School

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## Starting School - 1<sup>st</sup> June / Nursery, Reception & Y1 pupils + Key Workers

This is information regarding expectations, routines and procedures for starting school on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020. It is extremely important that this is read and understood. If you have any questions, please contact the school office for clarification.

The pupils will be provisionally placed into 3 'bubbles'. Bubbles have a maximum capacity of 15 pupils. The bubbles will be isolated classroom zones with separate, designated toilet facilities. Each bubble will have an outside play space and entrance / exit. Staff will be assigned to bubbles but this may be subject to change as group sizes alter and we introduce more pupils back into school. The bubbles will not mix and pupils will be kept separate.

|          | Pupils              | Staff   | Start time | Entrance                              | Finish time |
|----------|---------------------|---|------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Bubble 1 | Nursery & Reception | Miss Addison<br>Mrs Sharp<br>Mrs Thompson<br>Mrs Pearce | 9.20am     | Infant main door                      | 2.55pm      |
| Bubble 2 | Year 1              | Mrs Hartropp<br>Mrs Brough<br>Mrs Adair                 | 9.10am     | Y2 classroom door<br>(Mrs Hartropp's) | 3.05pm      |
| Bubble 3 | Key Workers         | Mr Hoare<br>Mrs Shipperd<br>Mrs Topping                 | 9.00am     | Y3 classroom door<br>(Mrs Shipperd's) | 3.15pm      |

### Attendance

Children, or children with parents / carers with a medical condition are strongly advised not to attend. It is parental choice as to whether or not a child attends and we understand that many children and families are still in vulnerable situations. Attendance will not be audited and we will still continue to support pupils through home learning. The Key Worker provision continues to be for emergency use only where no other childcare is available.

### Illness

If a parent / carer or child shows symptoms of Covid-19, please do not come to school. You must all self isolate as a family and arrange a test. If the test is negative, your child may return back to school. If the test is positive, the bubble will be shut down. If your child shows symptoms during the school day, you will be informed and expected to pick up immediately and arrange a test.



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## Equipment

Pupils should not bring bags or any other equipment to school except a labelled drinks bottle and / or a lunchbox. Book bags will not be used and any work will stay in school. Named sun hats can be used but must left in school. If required, sun cream should be applied at home and not sent in to school.

## Uniform

To reduce the chance of infection, please send your child to school in clean clothes and wash all clothes at the end of the school day. Children only need to wear a school jumper or T-shirt as part of the uniform and have appropriate clothing / footwear for exercise that they can wear all day. Children will not be changing for PE.

## Start and finish times

Please ensure you are on time to drop off and pick up your child. We encourage all parents to wait in the school playground and they must keep a safe distance apart at all times (2m). Only one adult should accompany your child and, if possible, no siblings. Please wait and your child's bubble teacher will indicate when it is safe for your child to enter. Parents / carers should not enter the school building, gather at the school gates or doors, and must leave the school grounds straight away.

## Routes to and from school

To avoid congestion, please could parents travel to school using the road, playing field or alleyway from Orchard Road. For leaving school, please use the road, playing field or alleyway by the church. This 'one-way' system on the alleyways will limit families passing each other. If pupils are coming independently, please reinforce the need for appropriate social distancing.

## Lunches

If required, school lunches can be ordered using Lunchshop. There will be a limited menu and pupils will be eating in their classrooms. If your child is bringing a packed lunch box, please ensure it is thoroughly cleaned as soon as you get home.

## Keeping safe

It is widely accepted that social distancing in schools is nearly impossible, especially for our youngest pupils. School has completed a comprehensive risk assessment for the phased reopening. Routines, procedures and classroom organisation will help reduce the risk but we cannot guarantee risk free provision. Please talk to your child and encourage the need for appropriate social distancing. When out of school, please could families ensure pupils are following the current restrictions and are not mixing with groups of children. This compromises the safety of staff and pupils and increases the risk of the virus spreading into school. As always, pupils will be encouraged to follow good hygiene rules at all times.



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## Behaviour

We will be introducing a new home-school agreement to make sure everyone is aware of the rules and expectation for behaviour. Please could all parents / carers of children returning to school, acknowledge consent of the agreement by emailing the office [admin@arnside.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@arnside.cumbria.sch.uk). We have to treat the safety of every person as our highest priority and therefore, if a child is not willing or is unable to follow the rules / guidelines, we will contact parents and ask for the child to be picked up. **Poor behaviour will compromise the safety of pupils and staff.**

## PPE

It is not recommended for pupils or staff to wear PPE. Staff will not as a general rule wear face mask, gloves, aprons etc. However, there are times when it may be necessary for staff to wear PPE such as supervising pupils who are showing symptoms or assisting with intimate care i.e. toileting or first aid.

## The curriculum

Pupils in school will be following the same virtual learning plans as pupils staying at home. Weather permitting, pupils will use outside areas as much as possible due to the lower risk of infection.

## Classrooms

We have adapted classrooms where possible and desks will be separated. Children will be given their own writing equipment and there will be limited access to resources. Classrooms will have no soft furnishings and equipment will be regularly cleaned and disinfected. Bubbles will stay in their designated classroom space with assigned toilets and outside play area. Rooms will be well ventilated and doors / windows open where possible. We aim to do lots of outdoor learning.

## Wrap-around care

Initially, Breakfast Club and Arnie's will be for Key Workers only. This will be reviewed as year groups are reintroduced.

## Contact with school

Please continue to use email or phone to contact school. The school office will pass a message on to a teacher or member of staff if required.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. For the safety of staff, pupils and the community, it is important that you understand and follow the procedures put in place. Finally, may I remind all parent / carers to read the home/school agreement and email the school office with consent.

Thank you for your help and support.  
Mr Sharp

