



# Arnside National Primary School

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Dear Parent / Carer,

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents / carers for the fantastic support we have received over the last term. School has tried hard to help the community where possible and we have made every effort to phase pupils back quickly and efficiently.

Last week, pupil reports were sent out via the Class Dojo system. If you are having difficulty accessing the report, please contact school to arrange collection. Parental comments / feedback can be made through the Class Dojo.

Guidance has been released for the reopening in September and we will do everything we can to ensure as much 'normality' as possible. There is a fine balance between taking precautions and the realistic implications of opening back up for 130+ pupils, but rest assured, your child's safety and well-being is always our top priority. Simple and sustainable solutions are the key to ensuring a safe and welcoming environment. As always, Government guidance is subject to change and our plans may have to be altered accordingly. Frustrating but unfortunately inevitable!

I would like to inform you of the arrangements for the next academic year. 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.

Year group splits are arranged by age.

Nursery	Mrs Sharp (am only)
Rec / Year 1	Mrs Pearce (3 days) & Miss Addison (2 days)
Year 1 / 2	Mrs Hartropp
Year 3 / 4	Mrs Shipperd
Year 4 / 5	Miss Morris (3 days) & Mrs Topping (2 days)
Year 6	Ms Piper (3 days) / Mr Sharp (2 days)

Steve Hoare will also be offering 1 ½ days specialist PE and movement support work.

In September, Y1 children born on or before 19/04/2015 will be with Mrs Hartropp.

In September, Y4 children born on or before 01/02/2012 will be with Miss Morris & Mrs Topping.



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## 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 <sup>st</sup> Sept	INSET for staff training
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Pupils start back
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half Term
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	End of term

## 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	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.

## Class routines

Classes will operate as bubbles and have limited contact with pupils around school where possible. Initially, there will be no large gatherings such as whole school assemblies & collective worship. Teachers will plan to use outdoor learning as much as possible and there will be a system of staggered break and lunchtimes to reduce pupil to pupil contact. Classrooms will also be adapted where appropriate and pupils will be encouraged to use individual resources where possible. Realistically, some members of staff will have to mix between bubbles but this will be kept to a minimum.

## Visitors



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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## Uniform and equipment

From September, pupils will be required to wear full uniform again on Tuesday, Thursday & Friday (see next section below). Guidance states that the uniform does not need to be washed any more regularly than normal. Children may bring 1 bag with them which should include their packed lunch (if required) and a named water bottle. Nursery children should have a change of clothes in their bag in case it is needed. Reading Books will be changed weekly and book bags should not have anything in them other than books and reading records. We ask that pupils do not bring in any non-essential items e.g. toys or teddies. In September, Junior classes will receive homework online only.

## PE kits

Your child should come to school in their PE kit on Monday and Wednesday instead of their uniform. This will mean that we have no PE bags left in school and cloakrooms are kept as clear as possible. In addition to their navy / black shorts and white T-shirt, your child may also wear navy / black tracksuit bottoms and their school jumper as most PE sessions will be outside.

## Hygiene

The most important part of the Covid-19 guidance is hand washing and good personal hygiene. Pupils will be required to wash hands at regular intervals throughout the day and use additional hand gel where necessary. Class bubbles will be assigned specific unisex toilets.

## Summer learning

Over the summer holidays, class teachers will not be setting new home learning but previous plans will remain live on the school website should you wish to continue with anything or revise any topics. BBC Bitesize continues to have regularly updated activities and the Oak National Academy can still be used for online learning. As always, pupils have access to PurpleMash and TT Rockstars.

## School / localised / regional lockdown



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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.

I would finally like to take this opportunity to wholeheartedly thank you for your continued support through the year. We're very excited to be reopening in September and we look forward to welcoming back the pupils. Together, we make it a wonderful place to learn and grow - thank you so much for all your help and co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Sharp



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