



# **School Reopening Operational Plan**

## **September 2021**

Created in Line with the Department for Education [Schools COVID-19 Operational Guidance](#)

This guidance is to support the safe return of all pupils, parents and staff to Chapelford Village Primary School from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021.

We hope that this manual provides all the important information your family will need coming back to us for the new academic year.

This document has been created in line with the Department for Education's Schools COVID-19 operational plan which was updated on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

We have also worked in consultation with the Omega MAT Executive Team, and our partner primary school Headteachers.

### **Context**

On 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021, England entered step 4 of the COVID response, moving away from many of the restrictions the country was placed under over the course of the Coronavirus pandemic. Whilst there are still a high number of cases in the country, the successful roll out of the COVID 19 vaccine has kept hospital admissions and the number of resulting deaths down.

The priority of the Department of Education is to allow all children to have high quality face to face education. The guidance provided by the DfE and subsequent Omega MAT and school publications will provide more information about the school day and how we will adhere to the national and local guidance.

### **School Reopening**

Chapelford Village will reopen on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021, at 8:40am – Doors will close promptly at 8:50am. Any late arrivals will need to report to the main reception area.

### **Access to School and face coverings**

As a school we are no longer operating a one-way system around school, nor can we enforce the wearing of face coverings whilst in the school grounds.

We will have all access gates open around the school, and we would appreciate it if you could be respectful of all families in the school and maintain a reasonable distance from each other. We are recommending that face coverings be worn when dropping off / collecting your child as the school grounds can be extremely busy.

Within the school building we want all our staff, children and visitors to feel comfortable and safe. Face coverings are welcome in school and recommended for our visitors to wear.

### **Main Reception Foyer**

During this time, we will have a one in, one out policy in the Main Reception foyer – if you have a general query please email [Chapelford\\_admin@omegamat.co.uk](mailto:Chapelford_admin@omegamat.co.uk) or call 01925 712544 to prevent any congestion around the Main Reception entrance.

### **Classroom doors**

In order to provide children with a swift start to the day we ask that parents send any queries into teachers via email. All email addresses can be found on the school website.

### **Ventilation in School**

During the school day all windows and if weather permits external doors will remain open to ensure high levels of ventilation and fresh air entering the building.

### **Bubbles / Class mixing**

From 19<sup>th</sup> July bubbles in schools are no longer required. At this time we will not be mixing children any further than the phases they are in i.e. KS1 – Y1 & Y2, LKS2 – Y3 & Y4, UKS2 Y5 & Y6. The children will be using the outdoor areas during breaks and lunchtimes at the same time.

Key Stage and Whole School Assemblies will remain online until further notice.

### **Snack**

Early Years and Key Stage One are provided with healthy snack.

KS2 can bring in a healthy snack i.e. piece of fruit, yogurt/fromage fraise tube.

After half term we are hoping to bring back the purchasing of toast and milk from the school kitchen for KS2. Further information will be sent to parents via ParentMail in due course.

### **Lunchtimes**

From September lunches are available from the school kitchen to be eaten in the dining hall. If you wish to opt your child into a school lunch please email [Chapelford\\_admin@omegamat.co.uk](mailto:Chapelford_admin@omegamat.co.uk).

### **Book Bags, Lunchboxes & PE Kits**

Please can we ask that children do not bring in large backpacks as we unfortunately do not have the facility to store these items.

Small blue books bags are recommended and are available to purchase via ParentMail.

Lunch boxes or bags are accepted – these will be stored on a standard size trolley so should not be too big.

PE kits should be brought in at the beginning of each half term in a small drawstring gym bag and they will be sent back home at the end of each half term.

### **Reporting illness/absence**

If your child is absent you need to call into school before 9am on the first day of absence. You also have the option to report absence via ParentMail. You will need to let us know your child's name, class and reason for absence.

### **End of the School Day**

School ends at 3:15pm – collection is from your child's classroom door as normal.

### **After School Clubs / Wrap around care**

School run after school clubs will be up and running over the course of the Autumn term – parents will be notified via Parentmail and bookings can be made via this system.

All Wrap Around Care providers are operational, please contact your provider for availability.

## **COVID-19**

Current procedures with regard to COVID-19 are as follows:

- Child is symptomatic before school – Child should remain off school and a PCR test booked for the child ASAP.
  - Negative result – child should come back into school if they are well enough
  - Positive result – child should isolate for 10 days – remote learning will be provided if your child is well enough.
- Child is symptomatic in school – Temperature will be taken – if over 37.6 child will be sent home and parents asked to arrange a PCR test.
  - Negative result – child should come back into school if they are well enough
  - Positive result – child should isolate for 10 days – remote learning will be provided if your child is well enough.

### **Positive COVID-19 case within the household**

If you have a positive COVID-19 case within your household it is recommended that all close contacts carry out a precautionary PCR test. If your child is negative they can attend school as normal.

**For further information around COVID-19 and our plans as a Multi-Academy Trust please refer to the OMEGA MAT outbreak management plan and School Risk Assessment on the school website.**

We will work continue to work closely with the OMEGA MAT Executive Team and Warrington Borough Council on any local updates. During the course of this half term we will continue to review all procedures in line with updated guidance if/when it is published.