

Parent's Guide for your child returning to school

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of what can only be described as the most unusual school term ever, preparations to welcome all children back to school in September are now in place. We want to reassure you that we have followed government guidelines and the safety of your children is as always our main priority. I have summarised our plans below, please note that these may be subject to change following any new government advice.

Who needs to attend school in September?

- **All Children** must attend school from September. Each class will form a self-contained bubble. FS will remain in FS area except for PE and accessing hot lunches in the hall. Each class bubble will have an allocated area to play outside and an allocated member of lunchtime staff.
- We will continue to monitor pupil attendance and respond as per our attendance policy.

What are the arrangements for the start and the end of school?

- Children in each year groups will start and finish at different times of the day to minimize parent contact.
- Parents will not be allowed inside school.
- Only one parent should bring your child to school.
- Older children must enter and exit the school grounds on their own.
- Please say good-bye to your children promptly, adhering to maximum social distancing with other households.
- **FS** – FS children should arrive at the foundation stage playground between 8.45- 9am and be collected at 3:10pm from FS playground.
- **Y1** –Y1 children should arrive at the KS1 cloakroom door between 8:50- 9am and be collected at 3:15 from the same door.
- **Y2**- Y2 children should arrive at the classroom fire exit door between 8:50-9am and be collected from the same door at 3:15
- **Y3**- Y3 children to enter the school site via the main school gate and use the footpath to the Y3 classroom fire exit door between 8:45-8:55 and leave the same way at 3:20
- **Y4**- Y4 children to enter the school site via the main school gate and use the footpath to the Y4 classroom fire exit door between 8:45-8:55 and leave the same way at 3:20
- **Y5**- Y5 to enter the school site independently via the classroom fire exit between 9- 9:10 and will leave at 3:25
- **Y6** - Y6 to enter the school site independently via classroom fire exit between 9-9:10 and will leave at 3:25
- On entry children will hang coats on their chair in the classroom (packed lunches on their desk); they will be sent to wash hands and use the lockers as directed by the teachers.

How will we minimise contact with others in the classrooms, around school and at unstructured times?

- The government recommendation is for schools to create bubbles of children. We will be keeping our children in class size bubbles at all times.
- FS children will remain in the Foundation stage area for learning and playtimes, with the exception of use of the hall for hot dinners and PE.
- All children in years 1-6 will have an allocated seat that only they will sit at.
- They will always use the same room and will have break times with their key group and as far as possible at different times from the other groups.
- Each child will be given a place to sit at and separate stationery and technology, which only they will use. Foundation children will have their own allocated space to sit for snack and listening to stories etc.
- Foundation Stage children will be using equipment on a rotational basis to allow for greater hygiene measures to be implemented.
- Toilets, surfaces and contact points will be cleaned throughout the day.
- Children will wash/sanitise their hands many times during the school day.
- They will not mix with children from other year groups.
- Playtimes will be staggered for KS1 and KS2; children will play in their class bubbles in their allocated zone on the playground.
- Children stay in their own classroom if they are having a packed lunch.
- Dinnertime will need to be staggered to ensure the children remain separate, in the dining room. Children eating hot lunches will be sat in an area of the hall for their bubble.
- Children will sit at their allocated lunch seat and a lunchtime supervisor will bring them their pre-order lunch and serve them with drinks. Once they have finished their lunch, it will be cleared away by staff and the children will return to the classroom.
- Each class bubble will have half an hour playtime after eating lunch on their allocated zone on the playground.

We are aware that children find social distancing extremely difficult!

We will constantly promote guidelines for pupils to encourage maximum social distancing and support them with these each day.



What will my child need to bring to wear and bring to school?

- All children should return to school in full school uniform. Please see our website for details.
- Children will need a coat if it is cold or wet.
- Children will need to have their full school PE kit in school at all times, these will be kept in the cloakroom.
- Children need to bring a fresh, named water bottle in to school each day
- Children must not bring in any extra resources from home.
- Children can bring a small book bag with them to carry their reading book to and from school. Please note there is no space for large backpacks and ruck sacs in school and there will be limited access to lockers.

What will happen if someone becomes ill?

- We will not be taking temperatures during the school day.
- If a child becomes ill with symptoms of COVID-19, they will be moved to a room with one member of staff, who will wear PPE at that time. Parents will be contacted to collect their child.
- Anybody with Symptoms will be asked to self-isolate at home and it's recommended that they get tested.
- Any pupils or staff members that test positive should inform the school as soon as possible and they and their class bubble will need to self-isolate.
- We ask that if any staff or pupils have been notified by the NHS test and trace service that you let us know immediately and follow the current guidance.
- If your child needs first aid PPE will be worn by the supervising adult.
- The government advice is that school staff members do not wear masks, nor do children.

What will the primary focus of our curriculum be for September?

First two weeks

- Will be establishing a new norm in school. Time to rebuild relationships in the classroom, address children's anxieties about being back in school, reinforcing hygiene regime - regular hand washing, not putting things in mouths, not touching each other and faces, social distancing rules and routines of the day.
- First two weeks learning will be focused around a whole school unit of work based on a children's book.
- Teachers will be assessing what the children can do against previous end of year group expectations and teaching to the gaps.
- **When children are comfortable in school** we will re-establish the curriculum with a focus on core skills in maths and English every morning. During the afternoons, there will be opportunity to recall knowledge and practice skills in other subjects using the curriculum content taught this year. Again assessing what they know against what

they should know- re teach key knowledge and skills that may have been lost and offering a catch up program for any children that need it.

I hope that you are able to gain an understanding of how school will run when we return in September. The Enquire Learning Trust and Keelby staff have worked closely together, following guidelines, to ensure everyone is as safe as possible when school re-opens to all.

I'm sure you will take time to consider this information, and start to talk to your child about returning to school.

Please note we will send out a more child friendly document on the 1st September for you to discuss with them prior to starting back on September 3rd. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all once again for your support and hard work at home during this difficult time. Please have a restful and enjoyable summer break and I look forward to welcoming you all back safe and well for the new academic year. As always, please contact me if you have any further questions.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Annabel Cowling".

Annabel Cowling
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