



WARTON ST PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you following the latest advice received from Department of Education regarding the full reopening of school from March 2021.

It has been advised that from Monday 8th March 2021 we will fully open School. This is both an exciting and definite sign that we are on a step to resuming life as we knew it. Warton St. Paul's has not felt the for a while now and we are looking forward to welcoming back all our children.

Considering the guidance issued by the Government we have put many measures in place to make sure that school is a safe place for us to return to but we hope that we will achieve this in a way that does not make school too different for our returning learners. Despite the steps we are taking, we do understand that some parents will feel anxious about returning to school. I hope to reassure you that all the safety guidelines will be followed to minimise risk. It is also essential that your child returns to school to fulfil their educational needs and to also ensure you do not receive penalty notices regarding your child's absence.

All our children are to receive their learning by an adult that they are familiar with and in a space that they normally access learning in. Most of the team of staff of Warton St. Paul's will be in school.

Like we did in September, we are continuing staggered start times and pick-up times along with the allocation of different entrances for the four different classes. We would like the children to return wearing their school uniform this includes school shoes. All children are also expected to bring their PE kit to school too. It is advised that clothes are washed regularly to prevent the possible spreading of infection. When on the playground please help assist us in maintaining social distancing while you wait for your child to be accepted into the school building. Children will be guided towards their classrooms whilst maintaining social distancing.

Handwashing is part of a regular routine which will continue upon entry, along with after toilet use and before and after eating. All surfaces will be wiped down between each learning session with equipment not being shared amongst children. Doorways will be left open to prevent unnecessary

touching of surfaces.

The teaching and the delivery of lessons will be in class bubbles and will continue to follow Warton St Paul's bespoke curriculum in line with the National Curriculum . Large gatherings, for instance whole school Worships will not take place however physical activities will be promoted at break times throughout the day within their 'class families'.

All homework activities will continue to be shared on our website for all children. If you are having difficulty accessing the Home Learning on our school website please do not hesitate to contact the teachers or myself through email.

We will be able to send virtual reading books home and ask that you read with your children every day.

Classrooms have been rearranged to ensure that our groups can be spaced out whilst maintaining a lovely feel for learning. Other than for our youngest children, all personal belongings will be kept with each child so that they are not having to share cramped cloakrooms. The children will each be provided with the equipment and exercise books they will need for all their learning which will live in their places. We have assigned toilets to reduce possible spread of infection and also have plans to ensure that social distancing can be adhered to. We have provided additional cleaning materials and a regime to ensure that these are cleaned in readiness for each occupant. We have the capacity to check temperatures of children and staff with thermometers purchased for each Key Stage. Should anyone fall ill we will notify their parents and ensure the learning spaces are thoroughly cleaned.

We have the means to provide a school dinner as normal and accommodate those on packed lunches too. The lunchtime period has been extended to an hour and a half, to allow for staggered eating and exercise, to maintain social distancing. Our outdoor break times have also been staggered to keep the children separate and safe.

If you need to contact school we ask that you do this via email or phone as Parents/Carers will not be permitted to enter the School Building.

Please see below the details specific to each class group:

On the 8th March our Reception, Year 1 and 2 children will be expected to arrive at school at **08.55am**.

They will be met at their Classroom door and accepted into school one at a time where they will be encouraged to use hand sanitiser and their belongings will be put away.

At the end of the school day collection will be at **15:05** from the back playground.

We ask that all Parents/carers adhere to social distancing rules.

Teachers have planned their learning to take place in small groups throughout the day and will access outdoor spaces as normal. All equipment used will be cleaned throughout the day. The team will bring the children out of school and will return them to you safely with their belongings. Please send your child into school with a water bottle and a healthy snack in a sealed container. If your child normally has a packed lunch this can also still be brought in.

Opal Class: Miss Yates and Mrs Rielly

Emerald Class: Miss Towers, Mrs Ahmed, Mrs Smith and Mrs Hatjoulis.

Years Three, Four, Five and Six are expected to arrive at school **08:45**.

They will be met at the two rear Junior outside doors and accepted into school one at a time where they will be encouraged to use hand sanitiser. With collection being at **15:15** from the back playground.

We ask that all Parents/carers adhere to social distancing rules.

All belongings and equipment will be kept with the children. The Year 6 children will be brought out of school for collection where we ask that parents stand behind the coned off area.

Topaz Class: Mrs Summerbell, Mrs Baxter, Mrs Penson and Mr Ali

Amethyst Class: Miss Dufour and Miss Scragg

We hope that all the above measures we are taking to keep us all safe, will reassure you.

Please be reminded that any child who is displaying symptoms or feeling unwell will need to be collected immediately. Please ensure that school have your up to date details. If any of your household are showing symptoms or have tested positive for Coronavirus, your child will not be allowed to come into school for 10 days. The Department for Education have Guidance on self-isolation and symptoms on their website www.gov.uk .

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our plans for wider reopening please do not hesitate to contact me via email wspoffice@cidari.co.uk.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Laura Dean
Headteacher