

# Cheapside C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have now received guidance from the government about wider school opening on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. **In this guidance it states that all children must return to school on a full time basis.** It is vital for all children to return to school to minimise as far as possible the longer-term impact of the pandemic on their education, wellbeing and wider development. It is a parents' duty to ensure that their child attends school every day unless they are unwell. We are very much looking forward to welcoming all children back in school.

We want to outline our plans to you for our whole school re-opening on 8th March 2021. Please read this information carefully. We will be continuing with implementing similar safety procedures and continuing with separate 'class bubbles.' **Please note that we will not be continuing with our proposal to merge Reception and Year 1 into one bubble at this point in time.** As part of our preparation we have considered the new government guidance in creating a revised Corona Virus Risk Assessment for Cheapside Primary School, revised our operational plan and updated our Home-School Agreement.

## **Drop off and pick up times**

We will be continuing to stagger starting and finishing times to ease congestion and encourage social distancing at the gates and on the school site. **Please note that these times have been altered so please read this information carefully.**

Year Group	Arrival time	Pickup time	Drop off place	Pickup place
Reception	8.50am	3.10pm	Top of playground	KS2 wooden gates
Y1	8.40am	3.00pm	Top of playground	KS2 wooden gates
Y2	8.40am	3.00pm	Side gate by Year 2	KS2 wooden gates
Y3	9.00am	3.20pm	KS2 wooden gates	KS2 wooden gates
Y4	9.00am	3.20pm	KS2 wooden gates	KS2 wooden gates
Y5	9.10am	3.30pm	Main gates	KS2 wooden gates
Y6	9.10am	3.30pm	Main gates	KS2 wooden gates

Siblings should continue to be dropped off and collected with the first arrival or pick up. We kindly ask that only 1 parent comes with a child onto the school site and that all parents continue to wear masks when on site. **PLEASE DO NOT CONGREGATE AROUND THE SCHOOL GATE OR AT THE BOTTOM OF THE DRIVE**

Rainbow Club will be offering wraparound care with their breakfast and after-school club. Please ensure you contact Rainbow Club if you need wraparound care for your child. **If you are going to be**

**using external child-care providers or out of school extra-curricular activities for your child, then the DfE have issued advice stating that this should be limited and that only one out of school setting should be used as far as possible.**

We will be looking at a time-table for after-school clubs for the Summer Term 2021. More details will follow towards the end of this term.

### **Uniform**

Children will be required to wear school uniform; this can be summer or winter uniform. We ask that children wear their PE kit on PE and Forest School days. A reminder of the timetable for PE and Forest School will be e-mailed separately. In order for outdoor learning opportunities to happen, children must have a water bottle and a waterproof coat in school. We will be relaxing our policy on footwear as we appreciate that it might be difficult to replace footwear with shops still closed. For the remainder of this term, we ask that school shoes are worn if possible, if not then we will accept children wearing trainers or closed-in shoes of a different colour.

### **Safety Measures**

As a school we will continue to promote good hygiene and will be asking children to regularly wash their hands thoroughly and ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach. Children are able to bring named individual hand sanitiser to school if they wish.

Break times and outdoor learning sessions will be staggered in timings. If your child requires a school lunch, it can be ordered daily and will need to be paid for on-line in the usual way unless your child is entitled to Free School Meals/Universal Free School meals. Alternatively, children can bring their own packed lunch in a packed lunch box. Children in Year 2-6 will need to have their own pencil case with their own stationery items. We will be using lockers in KS2 so children can bring in small bags to transport their personal items. Please note that access to lockers will be strictly monitored and limited to the start and end of the day. Children in KS1 should continue to bring in books bags. Reading books will be issued when your child returns to school. PE bags will not be needed as children will be wearing PE kits to school on PE days.

In primary schools, it is now recommended that face coverings should be worn by staff and adult visitors in situations where social distancing between adults is not possible, (for example, when moving around in corridors and communal areas.) Members of staff will also continue to wear face masks in some situations when working with the children. **Children in primary school do not need to wear a face covering.** Please continue to wear masks when dropping off and collecting your child.

Staff in school are already engaging with rapid testing using lateral flow devices (LFDs) 2x weekly. **Primary age pupils will not be tested in school using LFDs.** However, to support the return to face-to-face education, these tests are now also being offered to whole families and households of all primary school pupils attending school, this includes childcare and support bubbles. Details on how to access these tests will be sent separately, but we are encouraging all households to take up this offer of twice weekly rapid testing to help identify people who are infectious but do not have any Covid-19 symptoms. Education secretary Gavin Williamson has said:

“Testing family members will provide yet another layer of reassurance to parents and education staff that schools are as safe as possible.”

Our staff are always willing to provide information, help and support where they can. If you need to speak to a class teacher, please contact the school office via phone or email and a member of staff will call you back as soon as they can. Class e-mails will no longer be in use.

Please help us to help your child by talking through the revised drop off and pick up procedures and about keeping a safe distance from other children and staff. We have created a new Home-School Agreement especially for this time. Please take the time to carefully read it and share it in detail with your child. We will expect everyone to adhere to this document; this will help to keep children and staff safe.

Finally, if you have already highlighted that your child is anxious about returning to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, then a member of staff will be in touch with you this week to discuss this. In addition, families might find the meeting detailed below useful.

### Safe Return to School

Are you worried about your child/ren returning to school post lockdown?

Join us **3rd March at 11 am -12 pm** on Zoom.

**Meeting ID: 997 7998 2358**  
**Passcode: please FB direct message or email: [contact@pacip.org](mailto:contact@pacip.org)**


Look forward to seeing you there!

Practical advice for parents and carers for when children and young people go back to face-to-face learning.


Strategies on how to prepare them at home for when they are at school/college.

Methods to reduce anxiety.


There will also be time for Q&A



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As always, we thank you for your continuing support and for your messages of gratitude for our remote learning provision. We have very much appreciated them. All staff are looking forward to welcoming the children back on the 8th of March 2021 and with your support we are confident we can minimise the risk of transmission of coronavirus.

Kind regards  
The Senior Leadership Team