

# Cleobury Mortimer Primary School

## Returning to School on March 8<sup>th</sup> 2021

### Information for parents, carers and children

We are really pleased to be welcoming back all of our children on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. This information should help you prepare for the full return to school on that date. I know that there is a lot to read, but I am sure you understand that we are keen to ensure that all of our children, staff and families remain as safe as possible.

The guidance we are receiving is being changed constantly to reflect changing circumstances, so things are likely to change again. If you have further questions, please email or ring and we will do our best to answer them. All of the decisions and arrangements we put in place are compliant with the most recent government advice and are intended to ensure the safety of us all.

#### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club will resume from 7.30 am on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. If you would like your child to attend, please email [admin@cmpschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@cmpschool.co.uk).

#### **Morning Drop Off**

This is always a busy time and we are keen to follow government advice about social distancing and avoiding crowded areas. To ease congestion around school, please park away from the site and walk children down to school. You are advised to wear a mask as we cannot guarantee social distancing will be followed by other people.

Do not arrive at school before 8.30 unless your child is attending Breakfast Club.

Children from Key Stage 2 can access the site using the car park gates and drive. Children must not enter the site until a member of staff is standing in the gateway. Please say goodbye to your child well away from the gate to avoid congestion.

Children from Key Stage 1 and Nursery will access the site through the small blue gate. Again, it is ideal if you have said goodbye well away from the entrance to avoid congestion. Please use the post box to drop off anything for the office. If you need to speak to someone, please phone as you will not be able to come onto the site at this busy time.

The gates will close at 8.50 am. If your child arrives after that time, ring the bell and wait at the gate. A member of staff will come out to you as soon as possible. Anyone arriving after 8.50 will be marked as late in the register.

#### **What should my child bring with them to school?**

On the first day back, children will need to bring in their PE kit. They will also need a bottle of water, packed lunch (if appropriate), any medication they need and a bookbag if they have been given one by school. Children should not bring anything else into school with

them. This is to keep surfaces and spaces in school as clear as possible for cleaning as we will be cleaning regularly throughout the day.

### **What should my child wear?**

Children should return to school in winter uniform. We are continuing to make sure the school is well ventilated, so if the children wish to wear an additional royal blue fleece over their uniforms, they are welcome to do so.

From 12<sup>th</sup> April, after the Easter holiday, all children should wear summer uniform. Whilst we are happy to make certain concessions about uniform until that date, it is really important that we return to some sort of normality in terms of expectations and standards for uniform as soon as it is appropriate and reasonable to do so.

### **What will the school day be like for children?**

Children will find that the structure of the school day has not changed since before Christmas.

In the mornings we will continue with Maths and English, and in the afternoon, children will access all of the other subjects they would normally be enjoying.

Initially, we will spend a lot of time settling the children back into school.

### **Will there still be 'bubbles' in school?**

Yes. The children will work and play in their class bubbles, just as they did prior to lockdown. We are working hard to limit the number of contacts each bubble has. Children will remain with the same bubble all day.

### **Will my child have to wash their hands?**

Children will continue to wash their hands multiple times each day. We use the recommended hand wash for schools, but if you would like your child to use your choice of handwash, please send in a labelled bottle and we will make sure they have access to it. We do occasionally use hand sanitiser. If you would like your child to have their own hand sanitiser, that is fine but it needs to be in a named container.

The children are very used to the hand washing regime now and do it very effectively and efficiently.

### **Can my child go to the toilet whenever they want to?**

We have to clean the toilets after each bubble uses them. To enable us to do this, each class has a set time to go to the toilet. However, we never say no to a child who needs to use the toilet. The only time this might happen, and they might have to wait a little bit longer, is when a different bubble is using the toilets or they are being cleaned.

### **What happens at break times?**

Breaktimes are staggered so children may be having slightly different break times compared to the usual timetable. They also have longer playtimes to allow for handwashing.

The children remain with their class bubbles on their own zone of playground. This does mean that they cannot socialise with children in other classes as would be normal practice, but it also means that contacts are limited as far as possible.

### **What is happening with lunches?**

We will be returning to the reduced hot meal menu we had before the Christmas break. You received details about pre-ordering and paying from the Office yesterday.

The majority of classes eat in the classroom. Fox, Rabbit and Hare class do use the hall, but the children remain in their bubbles and all tables are cleaned thoroughly.

### **What will happen at home time?**

The gates will be open from 3.10 for parents to collect children at the end of the day.

Only one adult family member should come on site and anyone over the age of 11 entering the site must wear a face covering. If you are unable to wear a face covering, or have forgotten to bring one, staff are happy to bring your child around to you. Please make yourself known to staff at the front gate and we will bring your child out to you as soon as possible. There may be a slight delay as staff might not be immediately available to do this.

We will be operating the same system for collection as we were using before the Christmas holiday. Please be prompt picking your child up.

### **Will staff and visitors have to wear masks?**

In line with new advice, all staff and adult visitors will wear face masks in communal areas of the school. This includes outside areas at the end of the day when the site is very busy and social distancing cannot be observed effectively. Staff may wear masks in classrooms, but it is not expected that this will generally be the case.

### **What should I do if I need to come to school?**

#### **PLEASE WAIT AT THE GATE! The bell is on the gatepost.**

If you are dropping off a water bottle, PE kit, etc, please leave it in the box at the gate and ring the bell or phone the office so that we know it is there.

If you need to meet with a member of staff, please make an appointment via the office.

If are picking someone up or dropping them off, ring the bell and wait at the gate. A member of staff will help you as soon as possible.

You should not enter the school site without a pre-arranged appointment.

### **Will there be after school clubs?**

We will be starting after school clubs as soon as we can. Unfortunately, we do not currently have the staff available to run after school clubs. As soon as we can, we will restart clubs.

They will be offered to independent bubbles as was previously the case before the Christmas holidays.

## What should I do if my child has symptoms of COVID-19?

If your child has symptoms of COVID-19, do not send them to school and follow this advice.

- book a test if you or your child has symptoms - the main symptoms are:
  - a high temperature
  - a new continuous cough
  - a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- self-isolate immediately and not attend school if:
  - you or your child develops symptoms
  - you or your child have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)
  - anyone in your household or support or childcare bubble develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)
  - you or your child are required to do so having recently travelled from certain other countries
  - you or your child have been advised to isolate by NHS test and trace or the PHE local health protection team
- provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with, if they test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace

If your child becomes unwell while at school, we will call you immediately to collect them. When you collect your child, you should take them straight home. Do not use public transport or visit the GP, pharmacy, urgent care centre or a hospital unless your child is seriously unwell. In an emergency, call 999 if they are seriously ill or injured or their life is at risk.

Follow the NHS guidance on when to self-isolate and what to do, or contact NHS 119 by phone if you do not have internet access.

If your child tests negative, they can usually return to the setting and your household can stop self-isolating, subject to confirmation from local health protection professionals.

If your child tests negative but is unwell, they should not return to the setting until they have recovered.

If your child tests positive, NHS Test and Trace will speak directly to those that have been in contact with your child to offer advice.

Anyone contacted by NHS Test and Trace and told to self-isolate has a legal obligation to do so, but you may leave home, to avoid injury or illness or to escape the risk of harm. More information can be found on NHS Test and Trace: how it works.