



Childwall Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to everyone who has returned a form to school to verify that you are key workers and your children will be returning to school on 1st June (or a later date, if stated). As promised, now that we know the numbers to expect, I can give you some more information:

'Bubbles'

Children will be spending the day in small 'bubble' groups to ensure that they are only mixing with a small group of people. We are initially opening with 9 of these 'bubbles' and have allocated a classroom and outdoor space to each group. The groups are largely age-specific to enable appropriate activities and resources and to help with supporting home learning activities set for all children, whether at home or in school.

Clothing

We request that children are dressed in clean clothes each day; however, they are **not required to wear school uniform** as we appreciate the frequency of washing this creates. Please ensure clothing and footwear is appropriate for exercise and outdoor activities e.g. shorts/tracksuits/ leggings /t-shirts and trainers

Arrival

In order to limit numbers of children and adults waiting outside school, we will be staggering arrival times and children, upon arrival, will go straight to their 'bubble' entering classrooms through external doors. Please ensure that, if you arrive prior to the gates opening, or are waiting to safely enter, you adhere to social distancing measures, queuing along the sandstone wall, 2m apart. Please ensure your children stand with you and are not mixing with other children. Adults should not come past the main school gate. As children arrive on the yard, staff will be in place to register their arrival for safety purposes.

8.30am All children with surname beginning A – E

8.40am All children with surname beginning F – J

8.50am All children with surname beginning K - Q

9.00am All children with surname beginning R – Z

Messages

To adhere to social distancing and to ensure arrival and dismissal flows as quickly and safely as possible, there will be no opportunity to speak to staff directly at the beginning or end of the school day. If there is a message or any information to be shared, please telephone school or email office@childwallce.com and we will ensure the message is shared.



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Similarly, if staff need to speak to you, they will contact you by telephone or e-mail, since they will be unable to have a quick chat at the end of the day as they might have done previously.

If, at any point during the school day, you need to visit the school office, please note that only one person will be admitted into the entrance at any one time; please wait outside, standing 2m apart. Hand gel will be supplied where you are required to touch buzzers or key pads.

Dismissal

To avoid large numbers of adults and children on the yard, we will be staggering dismissal times and operating a one way system. Please can **one adult only** collect each child/family. Adults are requested to form a queue outside the sandstone wall leading towards Hope University, adhering to 2m social distancing measures. Other children should not come to collect unless they are in a pram and socially distancing. Children will be brought from their 'bubble' at their allotted time and will stand 2m. apart in front of the school building. When the first group is in place, collecting adults will enter the yard one at a time and their child/children will step forward to meet them. You will be directed around 'David's Garden' and out the left hand side of our school gate where we would request that you turn left or cross over Woolton Road to avoid the pavement outside school becoming too crowded. As you pass David's Garden, staff will be marking children out of the register – please state child's name and year group as you pass.

We are staggering dismissal times according to surname to enable all members of the same household to be collected at the same time. Please do all that you can to adhere to these timings to ensure a smooth process.

3.00 pm All children with surname beginning A – E

3.10pm All children with surname beginning F – J

3.20pm All children with surname beginning K - Q

3.30pm All children with surname beginning R - Z

If any key workers do not require your child to be in school for the full day, they can be collected from the school office prior to 2.30pm. However, after 2.30pm we ask you to stick to your designated time.

We will review this practice when we see it in operation and will make every effort to ensure this is as safe and efficient as possible for you, your children and our staff. Please work with us! It is essential that children leave the premises as soon as they are collected; there will be no opportunity at all for them to run around or play. We also ask that you ensure that, after leaving the premises, children don't mix closely with others outside to minimise risk. If we cannot be confident that these measures are being complied with, this may lead to us being unable to accommodate some children at this time.

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Lunch

All children in Reception and Key Stage 1 will still receive a free school meal, as they did before school closed. Children in Years 3-6 can choose a school meal, payable on Parentmail as previously, or bring their own packed lunch.

School meals will be of a 'picnic, packed lunch' style which can be prepared and delivered to children in their 'bubbles' to avoid groups of children moving around the building or mixing in the dining room. Weather allowing, this also has the benefit of enabling children to eat outdoors.

If key stage 2 children bring their own packed lunch, we would request that, so far as possible, items are disposable to minimise what is been carried to and from school. Please stress to your child that under no circumstances are they to share food with one another.

Children's Belongings

Please ensure that your child brings the absolute minimum to school. They should wear clothing and footwear which can be used for exercise, removing the need to change. All stationery will be provided by school in individual packs; there is no need to supplement this. Please ensure that your child does not bring any toys or other items from home into school.

However, we do ask if your child could bring a book to read from home each day; **this should be something that they enjoy and will read for pleasure**. Children will not be able to share these books. Also, if your child brought home any textbooks, e.g. Target Your Maths & CGP Grammar, could they please bring these each day to allow them to access the 'home learning' work.

Cloakrooms and lockers will not be in use as it would be virtually impossible to maintain social distancing for the children. Their coat and any other belongings (e.g. **a small bag**, packed lunch, book) will be kept with them at their own individual table.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle to school each day. The drinking fountains that they usually use will not be accessible; however, staff will, throughout the day, offer jugs of fresh water to refill water bottles.

Anyone Displaying Symptoms of Covid 19

Please remember that children **should not** attend school if they have had symptoms in the last 7 days, or if they live with anyone who has had symptoms in the last 14 days.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

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- **loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms.

If anyone becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature whilst in school, they will be sent home and advised to follow the [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection guidance](#). It is essential that the child is collected from school if requested.

If a child is awaiting collection, they will be moved to a ventilated room where they can be isolated behind a closed door, with appropriate adult supervision.

Children and members of their households with symptoms can get tested by parents using the 111 online service. (For children under 5 yrs parents should telephone 111 to get tested).

Flexible Attendance

We recognise that, for some families, school attendance whilst you are working might only be for specific days. At this stage, we are happy to accommodate this flexibility. However, can you please ensure that this has been clearly stated on your form which you returned to keyworkers@childwallce.com. If your shifts require week by week flexibility, please ensure you email that address weekly so we know when to expect your child. If your child is not going to attend school on a day when we are expecting them, could you please e-mail or call in advance to let us know – this is in keeping with our normal first day response safeguarding procedures.

These are very strange times for all of us and, as I said last week, school is going to look very different. However, I am confident that we can all work together as one school family to ensure that our phased reopening is as positive and as safe for all as we can make it.

Wendy Mason

" ... but the LORD stood at my side and gave me strength." (2 Timothy 4:17)

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