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Church of England Primary School*

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Possible questions you may have about school in September

How will the school keep my child safe on their return to school?

As part of our planning process for safe opening, we follow risk assessments that have been created by our H&S Team and then develop these for our school. All plans are fully scrutinised by the Trust Board and the CEO before signing off (this will be happening on Thursday 16th July) and allowing the school to re-open in September.

All information that the school plans for will be fully communicated to staff, parents and the community via the school website and letters.

On a practical level, the following will take place:

- One-way system and staggered drop off and pick up times to reduce congestion in the playground and into school.
- Staggered playtimes and lunchtimes.
- Minimised movement around school during the day including use of shared rooms.
- Children will be in class or year group bubbles.
- Increased hand washing for all pupils, staff and visitors each day.
- Increased thorough cleaning in specific areas.
- School gate to remain locked during the day to minimise visitors into school and to ensure the school perimeter is safe when dropping off and picking up.
- Pupils will be supported with this on their return to school.
- Policies will be adapted in line with the changes and will be updated on the school website.
- Medical information will be passed onto the next class teacher in preparation for September.

Please also see the poster of comments from parents who have had experience of being in school since closure in March.

How will the new teachers know what my child can or cannot do when they haven't been in school?

The teachers are already involved in the transition process. This includes providing each other with information regarding any contact you have had, the capabilities of your child and areas for development prior to school closure and how your child has been managing home learning. New teachers can also access Seesaw and we will be using many of the books that the children were using prior to school closure in September so staff can see the children's standards.

Ongoing and informal assessments will be taking place in the first few days and will continue throughout September as children complete activities. We would also love to see your child's home learning workbooks if they have been writing in these. Please send them in when you come in September.

How will my child be catered for when they return to school? What curriculum will be taught?

Although the government has discussed that pupils and schools will need to cater for pupils catching up, they have clearly stated that schools should:

“Teach an ambitious and broad curriculum in all subjects from the start of the autumn term, but make use of existing flexibilities to create time to cover the most important missed content...Substantial modification to the curriculum may be needed at the start of the year, so teaching time should be prioritised to address significant gaps in pupils' knowledge with the aim of returning to the school's normal curriculum content by no later than summer term 2021.”

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During the first few weeks of the new school year, staff will be supporting children in developing and increasing positive mental health and wellbeing as well as positive learning behaviours and areas such as independence, resilience, positivity, team work. Our themed learning is based on Togetherness and Teamwork.

Subject leaders will be supporting staff in ensuring missed curriculum content due to school closure is taught in addition to teaching the current year's learning. Where pupils need additional support, school will organise this within the school day. Homework opportunities, expectations for reading at home etc. will all be communicated with parents. Curriculum priority for Y1-Y6 will be given to Reading, Writing, Maths, PSHE and R.E. although we will be teaching all curriculum subjects. Curriculum priority for Early Years will be given to the Prime then Specific Areas of Learning.

Our school website has details of our curriculum in school and your child's year group will send you further information via newsletter too.

What do I do if I have any questions, worries or need to speak to someone at school?

Please contact us as soon as you can. Although we are keeping visitor contact to the school to a minimum, your child's class teacher will be more than happy to telephone you if you email or ring so that they can discuss things further. There is also your child's year group team leader if you struggle with speaking to the teacher. If you need assistance with a school matter, please email myself (louise.probets@stfrancispri.dalesmat.org) or Mrs Watson (frmwatson@stfrancispri.dalesmat.org).

When will I get chance to meet my child's class teacher?

You will be receiving an email containing a video message from your child's current and new class teachers this week. We are planning for a 'Meet the Teacher' set of sessions at the end of the school day in early September following the end of the school day but this will be for a small number of families each day to assist with the government guidance.

We will be holding parent consultations in October, before the half term holiday to discuss your child's progress, settling into school and areas for development. In addition, for those pupils who have Special Educational Needs or Disabilities, a meeting will be held to discuss your child's support plan and targets in September.

What will my child need in September?

- Full school uniform including school shoes (policy is on the school website).
- On P.E. days – pupils can come to school in their kits for the full day – kits are not needed in school initially.
- Minimal resources and equipment brought into school – pupils should not bring in pencil cases or toys.
- School bags – please ensure that these are not too big (school ones from Motif8 are the best) and can hang on your child's peg.

What do I need to do now?

- Please show your child the class teachers' messages.
- Keep checking your emails for updates from school regarding September.
- Ensure that medical information is returned to school (see email sent from Mrs Evans).
- Let us know if any of your personal details have changed for pupils in Y1-Y6 (including priority 2 email addresses as many do not work on our system).
- Let us know if your child's medical, dietary or medical information has changed and needs updating.
- Enjoy the summer!