

## Chillerton and Rookley Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming all the children back to school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Many of the children have not been in school since the 20<sup>th</sup> March and we are very aware that this will effect each of them in different ways. Some will be excited at the prospect of returning to school and spending more time with their friends, but it may also be a very emotional and anxious time for others and of course, you as parents. As a school we will be focussing on supporting the children and their families to settle back into school life, building confidence and resilience in order for them to continue to thrive.

Understandably, many of you may still have concerns and questions regarding the continuing situation but we would like to take this opportunity to reassure you of our ongoing safety measures following government guidelines.

We will be taking one step at a time with the children's transition back into school to help make it as smooth as possible. We will keep you updated of any changes and thank you for your patience and continued understanding during this new start to a very different school year.

Kind regards,

Mr Snow and Mrs Morgan-Huws

### **Bubbles**

As a school due to our smaller numbers we will be able to operate as one bubble. However we will, as far as possible, be splitting into two bubbles as Class 1 and Class 2 from the start of the new term and will of course update you of any changes.

We will have separate entrances to the school building, that many of you will already be familiar with, and will also timetable in separate breaks and lunch times.

**Class 1 Children:** This will be one bubble with its own separate outside area that can be accessed throughout the day, alongside normal timetabled breaks on the field and playground.

The staff allocated to this bubble are Miss Hart, Mrs Young and Mrs Marsh.

On arriving and leaving, you will need to come up the vehicular driveway and wait at the main gate for collection. Please keep in mind safe social distancing and follow the markers.

**Class 2 Children:** This bubble will also have its own separate outside learning space, alongside timetabled breaks and lunchtimes.

The staff allocated to this bubble will be Mrs Evans and Miss Cousins.

Parents and children should wait at the bottom of the steps, next to the bus stop, where they will be collected by a member of staff. They will turn to the left and wait on the silver footprints and enter school through the small side gate.



### **Travelling to school:**

Where practicable, walking or cycling to school is advised. Otherwise, please follow the guidelines on travelling safely and be mindful of social distancing when arriving at school. If you need to wear a facemask whilst travelling to school, please remember to take this home with you as they are not currently permitted in school.

### **Arriving and Leaving:**

The school day will start and finish as normal at 8.45 and 3p.m.

No adults, other than staff, will be allowed on the school site. If you need to communicate with us, please email or call the school office.

We are asking just one parent to drop off and collect children and that all adults adhere to government guidelines for social distancing to stay safe.

### **Breakfast and After school provision:**

Breakfast and after school provision will be available for parents and carers who have no other provision.

We will be able to provide a drop off at 8am for breakfast club and after school club provision until 4pm. This is limited in the first instance due to current circumstances but we will endeavour to provide as much support as possible for any parents that need this facility.

If you require breakfast and after school provision, we would ask you to contact the school office for weekly bookings. We will keep you updated of any changes to these arrangements but if you need further assistance please contact Mrs Morgan-Huws using the school office email.

September 2020 Prices:

- Breakfast Club will now be £3 per session.
- Afterschool club will now be £5 for the first hour and £2.50 for each half hour thereafter.

### **School Dinners:**

In the first instance school meals will be limited. Please see the attached menu.

If you will be sending your child in with a packed lunch, please remember that we are a nut and citrus aware school and we request that these products are not included in lunch boxes.

School snacks will not be available, but children are allowed to bring in a healthy snack for break time if they choose.

**Please also ensure that your child has a suitable water bottle for use in school throughout the day.**

### **Essentials:**

Each of the children will be provided with a locker for their coats, hats, sun cream and lunch boxes and we would ask that children do not bring in any other personal items from home at this current time.

All children will have their own stationary, for their individual use and separate resources where possible.

All children should wear their full school uniform and P.E kit on the days that they will be having their timetabled PE lessons. Teachers will inform each class what day they will be having P.E sessions.



## For Your Information

### Around School

- Children will be working within their class 'bubbles' with the same adults.
- The school has been organised to observe social distancing, but it will not be possible to maintain social distancing with some of our younger children. (We are following guidance as set out in the DfE guidance, to ensure we keep the children as safe as possible.)
- We will endeavour to use the school grounds as much as possible to maximise outside learning opportunities
- Children will not be moving around freely and the use of toilets will be managed.
- Break times and lunch times will be scheduled at different times for each bubble.
- Lunch will be eaten in the classroom or outside (weather permitting).

### Hygiene

- Children will wash their hands regularly throughout the day.
- Each bubble will have its own cleaning kit to wipe down surfaces and equipment regularly through the day.
- The school will be cleaned daily and a deep clean will happen at the end of the week.
- Staff will not be wearing PPE unless dealing with intimate care or specific types of first aid.
- Each bubble will have handwashing arrangements and facilities.
- Toilet facilities will be monitored and cleaned regularly.
- Any child showing signs of illness will be isolated until collected.

### COVID-19 and Government Guidance:

Please do remember that although the school is opening to all pupils and the Government has eased restrictions, we **all** do need to adhere to the guidelines regarding Coronavirus COVID-19 symptoms and self-isolation.

The most important symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19) are the recent onset of any of the following:

- A new, continuous cough
- A high temperature,
- A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If a pupil has symptoms of COVID-19, however mild, they must self-isolate for at least 10 days from when the symptoms started and arrange to have a test.

If a member of your household has symptoms, then the whole household must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14 day period starts from the day their test was taken.

Full details relating to the Government guidance and getting a test can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>