

Stone with Woodford C of E Primary School

RETURN TO SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER

20th July 2020

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school in September. School opens on Tuesday 1st September for staff; we have Inset days booked so we will be open for children on Thursday 3rd September.

The scientific evidence shows that coronavirus (COVID-19) presents a much lower risk to children than adults of becoming severely ill, and there is no evidence that children transmit the disease any more than adults. Of course, there will still be risks while coronavirus (COVID-19) remains in the community, and that is why schools have been asked to put in place a range of protective measures.

In order to effectively manage the risks that remain, things will be a bit different when children and young people return to school for the new academic year. Changes and protective measures have been put in place so that children, parents and staff are as safe as possible. Because new systems and organisation within school has changed, we are proposing to phase the return of the year groups over the two days.

Therefore EYFS will begin on Thursday 3rd September (mornings only until lunchtime for first 2 weeks).

Year 2, Year 4, Year 6 will return just for the day on Thursday 3rd September.

Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 just for the day on Friday 4th September.

We will expect all children in every day from Monday 7th September. This will enable us to establish new routines and iron out problems that are certain to arise as we try to fit a lot more children into such a small space. EYFS children will be in school just for the mornings until lunchtime for week 1 and 2

A thorough risk assessment has been carried out and a variety of actions taken to ensure the safety of children and staff working in an enclosed environment. The school will continue to be very different from the classrooms they left in March. The DfE has laid out what we must try to adhere to therefore, we have organised the year groups to try to achieve this. Each class will be treated as a bubble and we will endeavour to keep each bubble separate to minimise social contacts. In this way, if and when we have an outbreak of illness within a group, we will be able to reduce the chance of spreading the infection across the school and to their families.

We plan to operate EYFS as a separate class - Beech. Years 1 and 2 will be in Chestnut class. Years 3 and 4 will be in Oak class and Years 5 and 6 will be in Willow class. We aim to provide as full a curriculum as possible but initially the focus will be on reading writing and maths skills linked across and through the other Foundation subjects. The initial four weeks will be used to settle down to new routines and to carry out low-key assessments to enable teachers to plan and provide for their next steps in learning.

We will not be going to the Leisure centre for the first term at least, for swimming or indoor sports. We will look for other opportunities to do more outdoor P.E. instead.

Organisation

Organisation of day	Oak	Chestnut	Beech	Willow
Drop off	8.30	8.45	9.00	9.15
Break	10.00	10.15	10.30	10.45
Lunch	12-12.40 Play/Lunch	12.- 12.40 Lunch/Play	12.40 - 1.20 Lunch/Play	12.40- 1.20 Play/Lunch
Pick up	3.00	2.45	2.35	3.30

Actions we will take to reduce the risk of Covid19 infection

- We have carried out a comprehensive risk assessment for full reopening
- We will be continuing with our arrangements for classes to have individual drop off and pick up times. It is important that children arrive at the set times to ensure that bubbles are kept separate.
- Only one parent to bring their child to school please.
- No siblings, or any other adults, are to come to school with the child, where possible.
- Should parents miss the time their child is meant to start, they will not be able to come to school until 9.20 and this will be through the school office. This is to avoid mixing the bubbles.
- The drop off and pick up points need to be strictly followed to reduce mixing.
- Year 6 children, who walk to and from school, require a parent/carer to ensure social distancing is maintained.
- Please do not arrive early, and once you have collected your child, please move quickly from the gate.
- Parents are requested not to congregate and use the area outside school for meeting and talking with other parents.
- Teachers will meet the children at the gate and each class will use the outside door to their rooms avoiding the corridors.
- Inside the corridors, there is a one-way system to reduce contacts and crushes.
- All adults and children will wash their hands when they arrive, after each playtime and before they eat and after visiting the toilets.
- Children in all classes will go to their tables; they will sit in the same place every time they are in school. Whilst we cannot ensure social distancing, we are encouraging children to follow this request to help with this.
- We will encourage staff and children to distance as much as is possible.
- Time will be taken to teach children the importance of hand washing and distancing
- Parents will not be allowed on to the school site. Anyone requiring time to speak a teacher must make an appointment beforehand.
- We ask that parents agree and share our Home School agreement please.
- We expect children to stick to the school rules for good behaviour.
- Children will wear school uniform shirts and sweatshirts and wear suitable shorts, leggings or joggers to enable them to do sport without changing clothes.

- Children will be asked to change their foot-wear for sports- please put named trainers or daps in a bag.
- All bags and coats will be kept in their classrooms to avoid the use of the corridor
- Children can only bring 1 small bag containing their lunch box and snack which will be stored under their chairs.
- Only Y5 and 6 may bring a small wipeable pencil case into school which may contain pencils, a black handwriting pen, a rubber and a sharpener. No novelty equipment will be allowed in school. These pencil cases must then remain in school in their drawer.
- No toys or books from home may be brought into school.
- There will be staggered playtimes, in different zones, with children using equipment that can easily be cleaned in between use.
- Each child will require their own water bottle for each day
- Children will have lunch in classrooms with a member of staff supervising.
- If lunches have been ordered, they will be delivered to the classroom.
- At the end of the day, the teacher will bring children to the gate.
- Any parent missing their time to collect will need to contact the school office to arrange a pick up time that will not clash with others.
- Cleaning is carried out throughout the day.
- Resources, that cannot be frequently cleaned, have been removed.

Lunches

Because of the need to stagger lunch times and the requirements needed to keep food hot, we have decided that we will offer a packed lunch or jacket potato with a range of fillings menu. If your child requires a lunch providing by the school (free for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children) parents will need to book it in the usual way in advance please.

Home School agreement

I have drawn up a home school agreement so that all members of our school community are fully aware of the expectations during these unprecedented times. Please read the agreement and share it with your child. If you **do not agree** with the statements in the revised home school agreement you will need to email the school office before your child's return, letting us know your thoughts. If we do not hear from you we will presume you are in full agreement with this document.

Policy for managing and reducing risk from symptomatic people

I have also included an attachment outlining how we will manage people who develop symptoms in school.

We ask parents not to send their children into school if they are unwell. If your child or a member of your household has a temperature or any of the symptoms please inform the school, then book at test for Covid19. Remain at home until you have received the test result. Please inform school of the results. If it is a positive result then self isolate and the process of tracking and tracing can begin.

We would like to thank you all for your support over the last few months. It has been a very difficult time for us all. Thank you for the good wishes that we have received. We hope that you will all enjoy the summer holidays with your families! We all look forward to seeing you soon.

Please take a look at the Summer Holiday Challenges that the teachers have published on the Home Learning Section of the website. There's some great activities to keep children reading and having fun.

Take care and stay safe!

My best regards

Kim McCalmont