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Dear Parents,

With a range of mixed feelings, I am writing to you as we come to the end of this academic year. I never would have thought that we would have gone from the euphoria of achieving an Ofsted report in October stating Nursling to be 'Good in all areas' to lockdown in March and steering the school through a worldwide pandemic in completely new and uncharted waters.

I couldn't be more proud of the Nursling staff team. Throughout the entire lockdown, including Easter and Bank Holidays, we prioritised the children and families of the Nursling community. We not only provided a service to ensure keyworker children were well cared for but also provided a safe space to all those who needed it. Throughout a time of great uncertainty, lots of other things were going on in the background. Guidance was coming through and changing daily. We developed the website to enable every child access to be able to continue their education from home. Work packs, YouTube videos, weekly newsletters all kept the community up to date. We have really appreciated keeping in touch with our families by postcards, emails and telephone. All your kind words of support and appreciation have meant so much and I wanted to thank you for all your support and everything you have done to support your child throughout this unprecedented time.

On 2nd July, Gavin Williamson made his announcement in the House of Commons stating that all pupils need to return to full time education in September in school. This was followed by yet another piece of Government guidance for us to decipher and use to plan for our school's re-entry.

Before I lead into what that will look like, I wanted to let you know that since 1st June, we have reintegrated just under a third of our school community back into school. This has been successful for many reasons. Firstly, we have been very clear on our rules and procedures from the start and everyone has been fabulous at supporting these systems for the safety and well-being of all involved. Secondly, routines to include staggered drop off times, pick up times, break, lunch and toilet times have kept bubble groups safe and finally, increased awareness and controls for everyone related to hygiene. The children who have come back have shown great resilience; they have adapted better than any of us could have imagined to this new-normal and we are very proud of them. The staff and children have felt safe in school during this time.

The new guidance allows us to keep a lot of the systems we have been using to keep everyone safe. These are going to be imperative for a safe return for everyone. Please carefully read all the information below regarding September.

## **Mandatory system of controls**

This is the set of actions schools must take, as outlined by Government. They are grouped into 'prevention' and 'response to any infection' and are outlined in more detail in the sections below.

### Prevention

- 1) Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (Covid-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school.
- 2) Clean hands thoroughly more often than usual
- 3) Ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- 4) Introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often
- 5) Minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible
- 6) Where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)

### Response to any infection

- 1) Engage with the NHS Test and Trace process
- 2) Manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (Covid-19) amongst the school community
- 3) Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice

## **If a child/member of staff have Covid-19 symptoms**

- If a child/member of staff is poorly with Covid-19 symptoms, either at home or at school, we would ask that a test is arranged immediately.
- Children and staff will not be allowed back to school until they have had a negative test.
- If anyone tests positive, they will need to self-isolate at home for at least 7 days. Other members of that household would need to isolate for 14 days.
- Depending on the nature of the symptoms and the exposure that child/member of staff has had within their class bubble, we may need to close down class bubbles and send all pupils home. That class bubble will then be closed until we have received confirmation that the child/staff member displaying symptoms has had a negative test.
- If a child displays symptoms at school, they will be assessed. The child may then be taken by a member of staff (wearing PPE) to an 'isolation space' whilst the office contact you to come to school immediately to collect your child.

## **Staggered Drop off and Pick up times**

We will be using staggered start times and finish times in accordance to House Groups.

House	Colour	Drop off Time	Pick up Time
Watts	Yellow	8:40am	3:00pm
Templeton	Green	8:50am	3:10pm
Miller	Blue	9:00am	3:20pm
Mitchell	Red	9:10am	3:30pm

## Class Bubbles

- The Government have removed the 2 metres rule but it is still recommended that adults and children remain apart from each other as much as possible.
- Bubbles can therefore be larger than 15 children which means that your child will be with their class for each school activity, playtimes and lunchtimes.
- Class bubbles will be kept apart as much as possible.

## Classroom organisation

- Children must only bring into school essential items. This includes: lunch box, coat, books as directed, hat, colouring pencils (see below) bag. No other personal items are allowed in school.
- Collective Worship will take place in class with use of Google Classroom to enable us all to worship together.
- Children from Year 1 – 6 will be sat side by side and facing forwards and there will be no unnecessary movement allowed around the classroom.
- In Year R, to enable continuous provision, tables will be set out differently but in a way to enable as much social distancing as possible and use of the outside undercover area.
- To help with re-settling, Year 1 will have play based learning time within the Year R classroom in the first two weeks and then use of their outdoor space after that.
- Pupils will be provided with their own named stationery pack by the school and kept on their table.
- Parents are asked to provide their child with a small **named** pack of colouring pencils. This will be kept in school, on their table for their own personal use.
- The class teacher will teach from the front of the class as much as possible.
- Homework will be set and completed on Google classroom.
- Children will be responsible for their own belongings and keeping their side of the table clear and clean.
- Cleaning down of the tables will happen throughout the day, as appropriate.
- Movement around the school will be kept to a minimum.
- Passing in the corridor, when going to the toilet for example, is considered low risk but too many children in the toilets at once raises the risk so these times will be managed accordingly.
- Break time and lunch time will be staggered for each class.
- Peripatetic teachers and temporary staff can access school as part of the teaching team; managed through strict hygiene routines and appropriate distancing procedures and will cover teachers PPA time.

## Communication

- Home School Communication books will not be in use during the Autumn Term.
- If you have an urgent message for the class teacher, please communicate via the school office.

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Tel: 02380 732289



- Class teachers will continue to follow the behaviour policy. If a child is causing disruption to learning or disrespecting school rules, instead of moving pegs, (which will cause unnecessary movement around the classroom) names will be written on the board. The teacher will only make contact if 'Parent Contact' is reached (name on board 3 times).
- If the class teacher needs to speak to you regarding your child's school day, this will be done via Google classroom or by telephone.

### School Office

- During this period of lockdown, the school office has been able to work more efficiently by dealing with e-mail or phone queries, rather than in person queries. Once school has reopened, we would ask that the majority of queries should continue to be sent via e-mail and that parents only visit the school office if absolutely necessary to discuss something in person.
- If you do approach the school office for an urgent query, only one person is allowed in the air-lock at any time.

### Parents/Carers

- Parents & carers will not be allowed to enter the school building.
- Parents & carers will need to drop their child off at the classroom door, kiss and go. Please leave promptly so not to cause congestion to others.
- Parents & carers must not gather outside school grounds.

### One-Way System

The One-Way system will be in use but changed from what we are currently doing to allow for more traffic. No access to the car-park.

- Enter through the main blue gate
- Walk round to the right of the building
- Drop off in order of classroom – Y6,Y5, Y4, Y3, Y2, Y1, YR. Do not double back.
- Walk up the new path around the side of the field
- Exit school grounds through the new gate into the alley way that borders the playing field and turn left to get back onto Nursling Street.
- Please ensure you follow the signage and keep your distance from the person in front of you.

### Uniform

To avoid the need to bring additional items into school and enable the children to access a full curriculum, we are making an adjustment to our school uniform policy for the Autumn Term. Please ensure children clothes are clean when entering school.

- Plain house coloured t-shirt (with or without school logo but has to be plain)
- Nursling Jumper or cardigan
- Black tracksuit bottoms or shorts
- Black trainers



## Curriculum

Our Cyril Squirrel 5 R's are going to be our main focus in celebration and expectation over the coming year, replacing 'Star of the Week'. We will be supporting the children in becoming independent in recognising that they are Ready, Responsible, Resourceful, Resilient and Reflective when returning to school.

The first two weeks of school we will be focussing on a timetable that helps every child to settle back into school with confidence.

**R**eality of the new-normal; teaching the children all the new routines and expectations in school.

**E**xciting re-settling timetable to include outdoor learning at the pond and allotment, cooking, games, reading and revision.

**A**llowing time to get to know each other again and have the opportunity to talk about what we have been through and the effect it has had on us all at an age appropriate level.

**D**iary our lockdown experiences and develop our knowledge of what we have all learnt in this time.

**Y**earn to be back with our friends and teachers to build new relationships and thrive in school.

PE lessons will resume in September, both indoors and outdoors but will remain non-contact. We will offer lunchtime and after school sports activities by Superstar Sports but these will also remain non-contact until further notice.

Class Teachers PPA time will be covered by associated teaching staff members.

## Home Schooling

Website work packs will conclude on Friday 17th July. However, if a class bubble has to be shut down due to Covid-19, online lessons for that class will continue for the duration of their self-isolation online.

## School meals

For the first half term back in school, whilst we are all getting into new routines, our kitchen will supply packed lunches only for our universal free school meal (KS1) or free school meal (KS2) children. These will need to be ordered at time of registration in the morning. Alternatively, children are able to bring in packed lunches from home if this is your choice, please remember we are a nut free school and packed lunches should include healthy options such as fruit. Please do not put sweets in your child's packed lunch. Children will be eating in their class bubble either in their classroom or out on the field.

All children need to bring in a named water bottle to keep at their desk.

We will be looking at resuming a hot food service when lunchtime routines have settled and are established.



## Attendance

As per Government Guidelines, school attendance from September is mandatory and we will be following the Hampshire Code of Conduct again as we did prior to going into lockdown.

## School Trips and Residential

We continue to seek guidance from Hampshire County Council on this and hope to have more clarity when we return in September.

## Extended School Provision

- Breakfast Club and After School Club provision will be running and is bookable through Scopay.
- Teacher led after school clubs will not be running until further notice.

I appreciate this letter is very long and there is a lot of information here to absorb but felt it was really important to convey as much information as possible. Naturally, it goes without saying that if there are any guidance changes, we will keep you informed.

I wish you all a very happy summer. Keep safe and well.

Kind regards



Mrs Jearrad  
Headteacher

