



Verwood CofE First School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all for your strong and patient support for us this term. It has not been what we would have wanted for our children or families. However there has been such a positive spirit and encouragement from you all that has been very much appreciated. I know that it has become more challenging as the weeks have gone on. Sincere thanks to all our lovely families in our special community. I hope that you are able to enjoy a break this summer. I have also been asked by John Dixon the Chair of the WAT to express his thanks to everyone for their support through these challenging times.

As we plan for the safe return of all children in September, we have put a number of measures in place that will be outlined below. If you have any queries then please do contact the school office in the usual way. This letter will be on the website so that it can be viewed nearer to September.

Arrangements for September

The entrance and exit stagger (outlined below) is to encourage a smaller number of parents on the school grounds at any one time. Parents with more than one child would be expected to drop off the child with the earlier entrance time first, and then sibling straight after this at the child's allocated entrance. When exiting, we would ask you to collect your child with the earlier finishing time first, then wait outside your older child's collection point until it is their exit time. Parents will be encouraged to observe social distancing when waiting to come in as well as when they are on the school grounds. There will be signage and arrows showing the one-way system that will be in operation as well as the drop off and collection zones.

Entrance video

A video showing this in addition to a full risk assessment can be found on the school website on the tab – 'School in September'

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Entrance timings

Nursery: 8.25am

Year 4: 8.30am-8.35am

Year 3: 8.35am-8.40am

Year 2: 8.40am-8.45am

Year 1: 8.45am-8.50am

Reception: 8.50am-8.55am

SCOOSC: 7.45am-8.30am – Operating from the hall, parents to wait outside the main reception area observing social distancing measures.

Nursery: 8.25am

Entrance through main gate, parents to wait outside nursery adhering to social distancing measures.

Year 4: 8.30am-8.35am

Parents will be encouraged to drop their child at the main gate where there will be an adult guiding them (initially) along the marked area to their base door (Miss Tizzard's classroom). If parents feel their child is not quite ready for this then they can walk their child to base door. Enquiries/ queries that would normally happen on the door to be emailed unless urgent.

Year 3: 8.35am-8.40am

Parents will be encouraged to drop their child at the main gate where there will be an adult guiding them (initially) along the marked area to their base door (willow base door). If parents feel their child is not quite ready for this then they can walk child to base door. Enquiries/ queries that would normally happen on the door to be emailed unless urgent.

Year 2: 8.40am-8.45am

Entrance through main gate, following one way system where parents will wait (1m + apart) outside the year 2 entrance.

Year 1: 8.45am-8.50am

Entrance through main gate, following one-way system where parents will wait (1m + apart) outside the year 1 entrance close to the benches.

Reception: 8.50am-8.55am

Entrance through main gate, following one-way system where parents will wait (1m+ apart) outside the reception area close to bike rack.

All waiting areas/ collection points will be clearly demarcated as well as one way system. Where we will encourage social distancing when on the school grounds, we appreciate that there will be an increased number of children and parents which in some cases may make this difficult. We appreciate your support and understanding as we look to welcome all pupils back to school.

Exit timings

Nursery: 2.45pm

As per entrance routine.

Reception: 2.55pm

As per entrance routine.

Year 1: 2.55pm

As per entrance routine.

Year 2: 2.55pm

As per entrance routine.

Year 3: 3.05pm

As per entrance routine.

Year 4: 3.05pm

Parents to wait in the entrance area at front of school building observing social distancing. Ash base children to exit via the hall where they will be met by parents as usual. This is an extra measure to try and reduce the number of parents on the school grounds.

SCOOSC: 2.50pm-6.00pm

Collect from outside the hall waiting in marked area just outside the school reception.

Nursery

Nursery will open from the week commencing Monday 7th September, during this week all our current Nursery children will have time to settle and our new Nursery children will have staggered entry over the first few weeks of September. Rachel Long, Nursery administrator, has mailed our Nursery parents individually about their child's return and April Bagwell, Childcare leader, and Jayne Hybell, Deputy childcare leader, will be calling parents over the summer to confirm arrangements.

SCOOSC

Wrap around care will be offered for your children from September. Please contact SCOOSC directly to discuss your requirements.

Reading challenges

I know that some families really need a break from home learning for a few weeks. Attached with this letter however are some lovely reading opportunities that your child may like to do over the summer.

Transition Videos

Please remember to look at the transition videos to see your new teachers for September.

Year group bubbles

From September, the Government Guidance around social distancing between children in schools has been removed to enable all children to return to school. The guidance suggests that year groups can operate as one larger bubble to again allow schools to return to some normality. These year group bubbles will not mix with other bubbles within the school. Within a school day, this larger bubble of approximately 60 will be split into 2 class groups of 30 with the class teachers operating a normal school timetable for these groups. Although the social distancing measures between children has been removed, they will be encouraged to avoid physical contact with one another. This applies to break and lunch time play also. Social distancing between staff and staff and children will be operating throughout the day. During the weekly timetable, on rare occasions, a small number of children from different year groups may mix. If this does occur, social distancing between children will be adhered to.

Lunches

This has been looked at very carefully and due to the time and people needed to serve hot lunches safely, we will only be offering a packed lunch option for those ordering lunches and those entitled to a free school meal. The packed lunch option enables year group bubbles to remain separate within their classroom. Please also be reassured that children will continue to be given sufficient time to eat their lunch. Packed lunches can be ordered from 24th August in the usual way by visiting the Chartwells website.

Curriculum Offer

We value our curriculum offer at Verwood CE First School & Nursery and Government guidance supports us to prioritise learning across the full curriculum from September 2020.

Uniform and P.E. Kit

We expect all pupils to return to school wearing their full school uniform including school shoes.

Behaviour and expectations of your child.

It is imperative that pupils returning to school maintain the same high standards of behaviour and conduct that we would always expect from them. We will ensure a well-supported return for pupils supported by our school's values and ethos.

Attendance

Our expectation is that all children attend school each day from September and we encourage families to work with us to ensure that our children quickly establish good attendance as this will support their well-being. We understand that some pupils may be anxious about their return to

school and we will provide appropriate support. Work will not be provided for children who do not attend school unless exceptional circumstances and medical advice can be evidenced.

COVID 19 symptoms

Please can I remind you that **you must not send your child to school or allow them to visit our school site, if they or anybody else in their household, displays any symptoms of illness**; a new, persistent cough, a raised temperature or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste, they should stay at home to self-isolate. You should also arrange for them to be tested and ensure that you notify the school office immediately.

Please ensure that you contact the school absence line as soon as possible to notify us of your child's absence from school providing full and clear reasons for this absence.

Possible Coronavirus Diagnosis in School

Should your child present possible symptoms of Coronavirus, a first aid trained member of staff will take them to our designated medical rooms. This member of staff will put on a pair of gloves, apron and full face mask. We will take care to make sure this happens in a careful, kind and compassionate way. Should we have concerns that this child has symptoms we will call you and ask for immediate timely collection. We have an isolation room in place if required. Parents will need to book a test immediately and notify school of the outcome as soon as a matter of urgency. These rooms will be cleaned as per guidance before another child uses this space. If a child in your child's Year Group Bubble develops symptoms and is sent home, Government advice is the rest of the Year Group remain in school until a positive result is confirmed.

Medicines

If your child normally has medicine in school then please provide this in a clear and, labelled plastic bag to the class teacher on the first day back. Please ensure that all medication is in date this is particularly important if your child uses an epi-pens or inhalers.

Cleaning and site appearance

Regular cleaning will remain a feature of our school day, with regular deep cleaning across all the school. In every classroom, there will be antibacterial sprays, gloves and tissues and staff will clean desks and door handles throughout the day. Appropriate signage has been put in place and hand sanitiser stations will be set up in key areas around our school.

Early Pick Up

If you need to collect a child earlier than their allocated collection time then please contact our office team well in advance to organise this. We require advance warning to make sure a member of staff is available support this request.

PPE

As per Government guidance, staff and children should not wear PPE to school. Our first aid staff will have the appropriate equipment required available to them. Please do not send your child into school with a mask or other PPE items without first discussing this with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Review

These arrangements will be kept under ongoing review and remain subject to change.

Many blessings for the summer.

Kind regards



Adam Parsons
Head teacher

Psalm 103:8

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

