



Whitstable Junior School Information for Parents
Return to School from September 2020

Important Information

School starts for all children on Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Minimise contact with anyone showing symptoms

- If a child develops any symptoms in school, they will be taken to the Medical Room at the office. Staff attending to the child will wear PPE.
- Parents/Carers will be asked to collect their child immediately and guidance will be given to you on what to do next.
- Parents are expected to inform the school of the results of the COVID19 test. Should the test be returned as positive the school will contact Public Health England and we will be informed about what to do. We expect all families to engage with the NHS Test and Trace system should this occur.

Clean hands regularly

- Handwashing must be completed regularly.
- Each classroom will be supplied with additional resources for cleaning.

Cleaning of surfaces

- Cleaning products will need to be stored in each room.
- Staff in each Bubble will regularly clean the frequently used surfaces.

Cleaning work spaces.

- Thorough cleaning to take place every night.
- Groups hiring school facilities will sign policy ensuring they adhere to all government guidelines and clean space after use.

Organisation of Groups

- Children will be organised into class group bubbles and a wider year group bubble to enable as full provision as possible.
- Year group bubbles in the same phase will attend the same space (dining hall) if having hot lunch and in designated year group area.
- Year group bubbles will have staggered times and zones at play time and lunch time.
- Children will use the same rooms where possible
- Bubbles will be allocated days in rooms that need to be used by multiple bubbles e.g. Computing Suite. These rooms will be cleaned between bubble use.
- Children will follow hygiene procedures entering and leaving these rooms.

Attendance

- As you may be aware, the government has been clear that all children are expected to return to school in September. The guidance that parents would not be penalised should their child not attend has been removed and the usual rules for attendance will be back in place for September. This includes the responsibility for us to record attendance and follow up on absence as we would normally do.
- If you are concerned about your child returning to school in September, please contact the school, to discuss ways we can support or reassure you.

Staggered Starts and Finish Times to the Day

- In order to keep year group bubbles separate and reduce risk, we will be having staggered start and finish times to the school day.
- Children to walk to school where possible. It is crucial that your child arrives on time and is collected on time to enable everyone to get onto and off the site safely. Bikes and scooters unfortunately cannot be stored on school premises at the moment. Only **one** adult dropping off and collecting. Please ensure you follow social distancing guidelines at all times.
- Year 3 parents will be allowed to enter the site to drop-off for the first week, after this the children can be dropped at the bottom gate where their teacher will meet them. This is flexible and the Well being Team will be there to support the transition.
- If you have a child in more than one year group and they need to go home together we are saying that both children use the time and gate of the youngest child. This would mean for example a brother and sister in Year 4 and Year 5 would follow the leaving times and gate of the Year 4 child. The older child can wait in their classroom until the later leaving time.
- For children leaving by the front car park gate; if your child is confident (Year 6 children) to meet you outside the gates this will help reduce the number of adults waiting in the car park.

Year	Entrance & Exit	Waiting Zone	Start Time	Finish Time
3H	Bottom Gate	Netball Court Playground	8:45 am	3:15 pm
3MC	Bottom Gate	Netball Court Playground	8:45 am	3:15 pm

Year	Entrance & Exit	Waiting Zone	Start Time	Finish Time
4W	Top Gate	Top Car Park	8:45 am	3:15 pm
4O	Top Gate	Top Car Park	8:45 am	3:15 pm
4L	Top Gate	Top Car Park	8:45 am	3:15 pm

Year	Entrance & Exit	Waiting Zone	Start Time	Finish Time
5L	Bottom Gate	All Weather Pitch	8:30 am	3:00 pm
5M	Bottom Gate	All Weather Pitch	8:30 am	3:00 pm
5T	Bottom Gate	All Weather Pitch	8:30 am	3:00 pm

Year	Entrance & Exit	Waiting Zone	Start Time	Finish Time
6H	Top Gate	Top Car Park	8:30 am	3:00 pm
6RM	Top Gate	Top Car Park	8:30 am	3:00 pm

Break times

- Staggered Year Group break times with children in designated areas.
- The fruit café will be open but not in the same way. Children can order their snack at registration which will be delivered to the classroom before break time. If you can supply your child with a snack that would be the easier option. Remember it must be a healthy snack, no chocolate, crisps or any type of nut-based food.

Lunches

- Staggered lunch times.
- Chartwells will be offering hot meals and packed lunches which can be paid in the normal way. Year group bubbles in the same phase will attend the same space (dining hall) if having hot lunch in a designated year group area.
- Children in the hall will be sat in a designated area for their year group.
- All Packed lunches will be eaten in the classroom designated for each Bubble- please try to pack lunches with contents that your child will be able to manage themselves.

Dealing with First Aid incidents

- The LSA (first aider) who is assigned to the Bubble will administer first aid to a child in their Bubble only. If the LSA is on a break and the first aid is minor the teacher from that bubble can administer first aid
- Each Bubble will have a set of PPE and first aid resources so minor incidents can be dealt with inside the Bubble.
- More serious incidents will be dealt with at the office. LSA will take the child to the office or contact the office for assistance.
- Ice packs will be used with a new bag cover for each usage.

Toilets

- Maximum of 4 children in toilets at any one time.
- Children to queue outside toilet block if 4 already in there, socially distanced.
- Staff to allow children to go to the toilet during lesson times to avoid congestion at break times.
- Main door wedged open to limit handle transmission.
- Toilets cleaned after break, after lunch and at the end of the school day.
- Ensure that all children wash their hands after toileting

Uniform

- Children will be required to wear school uniform, including school shoes.
- PE kits will not be needed in school, but on PE days shorts/tracksuit bottoms and trainers can be worn to school instead of uniform
- No earrings to be worn on PE days. We will let you know when these days are at the start of term.
- They will not need their PE kit on the first three days.
- Please also make sure that children who have hair that is long enough to tie back, do so to lessen the risk of them touching their faces.

Equipment and Items for School

- School will provide each child with their own frequently used “equipment set”. However if a child can bring in their own stationery that would be very useful. Colouring pencils, pens, glue sticks etc. Children will be able to keep these in their trays.
- Water bottles will be provided by school on the first day but will need to be named and taken home at the end of each day for cleaning.

Breakfast and After-School Club (Kindergarten Kids)

- We are anticipating that Breakfast Club and After-school Club will be up and running again from Wednesday 2nd September. We have passed the contact details of all parents and carers who responded to the survey and Kindergarten Kids should be in touch with you.

Other after school clubs

- There will not be any after school initially. We will then review this.

Curriculum

- In Term 1 we will be focusing on children’s well-being and helping give them the skills to recover from their recent experiences. We want to allow the children a chance to settle back into the routine of school life.
Our teachers are highly skilled at assessing children’s knowledge and understanding and will be using a range of these skills to assess which areas of the curriculum will need to be focused on. This will not involve hours of tests.
Our English and maths leads have already identified the areas we need to focus on and plans are in place to address any key essential learning missed in Term 5 and 6.

Lockdown Returns or Bubble Isolation

- In the event of lockdown occurring, either National or local we will provide home-learning through Google Classrooms and also paper packs. The overwhelming positive feedback we had from the questionnaire shows that this provision was seen as more than appropriate.
- If we are advised by PHE that any groups within the school setting must self-isolate for 14 days we will provide home-learning. This may be in the form of work books.

Behaviour expectations

- It is essential that children follow the new rules that we have in school around distancing and hygiene. We ask for your support in explaining to your children that they do have to follow these new instructions for the safety of everyone around them. We do recognise that many will need time to adjust to being back at school of course.

Contacting the School

- In order to further reduce risks, we ask that parents continue to contact the school via email or telephone rather than coming onto the site, or into the school office.
- Please do not approach teachers at the school gate unless this has been arranged. We appreciate this goes against everything we stand for when it comes to communicating with you but we need to limit the amount of time groups of people are on site.