



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

**Important Information- Updated August 28<sup>th</sup> 2020**

**School starts for all children on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020**

**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.

**Previously Shielding**

- The Government has paused shielding and have said that all children and staff will be safe in schools as long as the school has put all of the Government's recommendations in place.
- The exception to this are those people who are under the care of a clinical consultant who says that they cannot be in a school setting as the risk to them, because of their specific condition, is too great. The individual would need a letter from their consultant to confirm this.

**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.

## 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.
- Use the youngest sibling's gate and times if you feel managing 2 entrances and times will be difficult.
- 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.
- If you have children at the infants then we are happy for you to drop your child here after their allotted time so long as it is before our gates close in the morning at 9am. (So for example: if you have 2 children with an 8:30am drop off time, take your infant school child first and then bring the junior school child to us a little later). Collecting a little after the allotted time is also fine as we will hold on to the children until you arrive.

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

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

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

Year	Entrance & Exit	Waiting Zone	Start Time	Finish Time
<b>6H</b>	Top Gate	Top Car Park	8:30 am	3:00 pm
<b>6RM</b>	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)**

- Breakfast Club and After-school Club will be up and running again from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Please contact Kindergarten Kids if you require this.

### **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.

### **Taking Temperatures Routinely**

- The Government guidance states we should not be doing blanket temperature taking. Public Health England is clear that routinely taking the temperature of pupils is not recommended as this is an unreliable method for identifying coronavirus (COVID-19).
- We have however invested in an infrared thermometer which we will use if we are concerned a child may have a temperature. Any signs of a temperature and we will ask parents to collect their child.

### **PPE (Face coverings and visors) [Updated DfE Guidance Face Coverings in Education.](#)**

- Non-wearing or wearing of face coverings is optional and we are happy for staff/children to wear a face covering if they feel that an additional control measure is required.
- Your child will be responsible for the safe disposal or storage of their face mask – see guidance below.
- The face mask must be plain in design (some of the mask designs are quite scary!!) and fit well so they are not distracted by it. If your child's mask design/pattern distracts learning, we will be in touch for you to provide an alternative. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Face coverings: Important information if you would like your child to wear a face mask - Information taken from Government guidance**

**How to wear a face covering**

<b>A face covering should:</b>	<b>When wearing a face covering you should:</b>	<b>When removing a face covering:</b>
cover your nose and mouth while allowing you to breathe comfortably	wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser before putting a face covering on	wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser before removing
fit comfortably but securely against the side of the face	avoid wearing on your neck or forehead	only handle the straps, ties or clips
be secured to the head with ties or ear loops	avoid touching the part of the face covering in contact with your mouth and nose, as it could be contaminated with the virus	do not give it to someone else to use
be made of a material that you find to be comfortable and breathable, such as cotton	change the face covering if it becomes damp or if you've touched it	if single-use, dispose of it carefully in a lidded bin and do not recycle
ideally include at least two layers of fabric	avoid taking it off and putting it back on a lot in quick succession	stored in a sealable plastic bag when not being worn
unless disposable, it should be able to be washed with other items of laundry according to fabric washing instructions and dried without causing the face covering to be damaged		wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser once removed

If you would like to make a face covering, you may want to visit the big community sew website.  
<https://www.bigcommunitysew.co.uk/>