

Colnbrook C. of E. Primary School

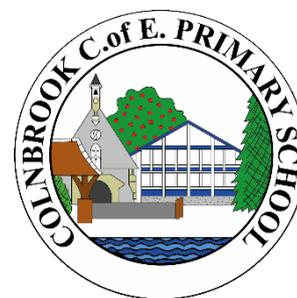
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Tuesday, 2nd March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you today to give you more information about the full opening of school to all pupils from Monday 8th March. Please forgive the lengthy letter, but please ensure you read it fully as it contains all the information you need regarding school opening. We have worked hard to make school as safe as possible, but it is up to us all to ensure we follow the guidelines so we can keep everyone safe.

School Wider Opening Date

We will open full-time to all pupils from Reception to Year 6 from **Monday 8th March 2021**. Nursery will continue to be open as usual. Attendance in school from this date will be compulsory and normal absence processes will be followed. If your child is absent due to illness, you must inform us in the usual way.

Learning in Bubbles

Each class will return to being their own bubble up to a maximum of 30 children, except in Early Years where Nursery and Reception will share the same bubble. The Resource Base will form a separate bubble.

Arrival and Departure

It is vital that parents do not congregate around entrances to the school while waiting for children and that you maintain social distance at all times. When dropping off and picking up your child please ensure that:

- Only **one adult** drops off and collects children and that you arrive and leave promptly at the allocated time slot. This will help us reduce the number of adults around the school site.
- You remain socially distant from other parents and children while waiting and therefore reduce the risk of transmission of the virus.
- Please could **all adults wear face coverings when picking up and dropping off**. Staff will also be wearing face coverings when at the gates. Children are not required to wear face coverings.

Each morning class teachers will once again meet children at the gates and send them into the classroom where a member of support staff will be waiting. Please remind yourself of timings below:

Arrival Time	Front gate	Back gate	Resource Base gate
8:30 - 8:40am	---	Year 3	Year 6
8:40 - 8:50am	Nursery (AM)	Year 2	Year 5
8:50 - 9:00am	Reception	Year 1	Year 4 & LRU
12.15pm	Nursery (PM)	---	---

At the end of the day, class teachers will bring children outside to the playground to meet parents. Please wait outside the gates and your child will be sent to you. Year 5 and 6 children with written permission will still be able to walk home alone. **Please do not gather close to the gate and use all available space.** Pick up times are overleaf:



Departure Time	Front gate	Back gate	Resource Base gate
11:35 – 11:45am	Nursery (AM)	---	---
3:00pm	Nursery (PM) & Reception	Year 3	Year 6 & LRU
3:10pm	---	Year 2	Year 5
3:20pm	---	Year 1	Year 4

Front Driveway

Works to repair the water leak on the drive are still ongoing – the leak has been fixed but further work is still required. This means there is still a trench and fencing along the main driveway. The one-way system of entering and exiting the site will be in place as it was last term and this will be monitored by school staff. Please take extra care when using the driveway and ensure you follow this one way system. Please remember that you should not use the car park as it is for staff only.

What to wear and bring to school

Full Colnbrook uniform should be worn, including appropriate shoes (not trainers). We will provide children arriving at school in incorrect uniform or footwear with correct uniform to wear for that day and they will be expected to change in school. We will look after items of clothing and shoes and these will be returned at the end of the day. Please ensure you have all the uniform you need – this can be ordered through the office. Government guidelines do not recommend more frequent washing of clothing than is normally required. Children should only bring the following items into school:

- PE kit (in a drawstring bag or plastic bag - no rucksacks)
- Lunchbox (if not having school dinners)
- Water bottle

No other equipment or belongings should be brought to or from school. Children will be provided with individual pencil cases that contain all they need and these will remain in school. Face coverings or masks are not required but staff will be wearing face coverings in communal areas.

Lunches

Children will continue to eat lunch in their classrooms to limit the risk of bubbles mixing in the hall. School dinners can be ordered and will be delivered to classrooms by staff.

Communication

We will continue to restrict entry of parents to school to help minimise the risk of spreading the virus. However, as in the autumn term, if you have a question or concern, please contact us through email or phone the school office. Teachers will not be able to talk to you on the playground but will be happy to talk over the phone or contact you through email. A virtual parents' afternoon will be arranged for later this half term.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

Breakfast club will not run for the remainder of the spring term, but after school clubs will resume from 15th March. You will receive a letter regarding clubs early next week.

Hygiene

Children will be required to wash their hands regularly throughout the day, including on arrival, after break times and before and after eating. Soap and hand sanitizer will be available for use. We will discuss good hygiene practises with the children and encourage them to catch coughs and sneezes in a tissue that is placed in a lidded bin.

Staff COVID Testing

School staff have been undertaking COVID self-tests at home twice weekly since January. Staff will continue to complete these rapid tests which give a positive or negative result in 30 minutes. Results are reported to me and any positive test will result in the closure of the bubble for 10 days. Due to the rapid nature of this test, **this could result in the closure of a bubble at short notice**. I apologise in advance for this, but I hope you understand this measure is taken to protect everyone.

'Catch-up'

There has been lots of media coverage about the amount of 'lost learning' children have suffered this term. The staff team at Colnbrook are passionate about instilling a love of learning in our children. We will continue to support, challenge and engage children in their learning but we will not put undue pressure on children to 'catch-up'. We will ensure our children's wellbeing, emotional and mental health is prioritised to enable them to make the best academic progress possible. When children return, we will adapt our curriculum, assess children to identify gaps in their knowledge and ensure these are taught in a positive, engaging yet challenging way. Teachers will be happy to discuss what this means for your child at the upcoming parents' afternoon consultations.

Coronavirus symptoms

You must not send your child to school and get a test immediately if you, or anyone in your household has:

- a high temperature
- a persistent cough
- a loss of smell and/or taste

If we notice a child in school displaying any symptoms of COVID-19, we will isolate them and request you to collect your child immediately. You must then access NHS testing which can be booked online or by calling 119. If the result of the test is negative, your child can return to school but if it is positive they must remain out of school and all members of your household must self-isolate for 10 days. If a child or member of staff tests positive for COVID-19, we will close that bubble for 10 days and provide remote learning for that bubble.

As always we really appreciate your support at this time. Thank you for all your messages of encouragement and support. If you have any questions, please get in touch with us and we will do our best to help. You can call the office on 01753 683661 or email mail@colnbrookprimary.com

We look forward to seeing you again next week!

Yours sincerely,



Mr. T. Brunson
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