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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a new term. We hope you had a happy and healthy summer break whether locally or around the country.

The teaching team have had a very productive couple of days focusing firstly on our Teaching and Learning Pedagogy and the Corsham Primary Team, and then today, discussing and implementing the latest developments in the teaching of phonics and reading across all primary ages. We have certainly returned to school with gusto and hope the children will do the same tomorrow.

Attached is a copy of our opening guidance, previously sent out at the end of July. There are no changes at this time but we thought this would be a helpful reminder before the whole school returns tomorrow.

We will be welcoming all our children back to a freshly painted school inside and outside with mowed grounds and a clean and tidy setting. Our 44 new Strawberries will be joining us gradually over the coming days. We have 17 new starters in years 1-6 who we know will be welcomed into our school family alongside two student teachers who we will be training in phases 1/2 and 3/4.

It is going to be a very busy morning when we all arrive first thing. The three school gates will all open at 8.30am and teachers will welcome children into class from 8.40am. We have not been used to all arriving at the same time for a while and are in no doubt that there will be some wrinkles which will need ironing out. Please be patient with us as we review our start and end of day logistics and be mindful of our local residents as well as road safety when parking.

We are all very much looking forward to seeing all the fresh faces, shiny shoes and smart uniforms tomorrow! It is going to be delightful, to hear a hubbub throughout the school once again!

See you in the morning!

Yours faithfully

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Corsham Primary School Plan for Opening September 2021



We are looking forward to the new academic year and although government restrictions are lifting, it is clear that COVID-19 will be a feature of our lives for the foreseeable future.

Our priority has always been and will continue to be, the safety and wellbeing of the pupils and staff of Corsham Primary School. We will continue to risk assess the measures in place and review them in accordance with newly updated guidance. Working together to follow this guidance will help us all stay safe and protect others by controlling the spread and reducing the chance of any further resurgence of the virus in the coming months. Below are the details of how we are returning to a more 'normal' education provision at Corsham Primary – Broadwood.

Dropping Off and Picking Up

We will resume our normal school times of pupil drop off being between 8.40am and 8.50am. Class registration will begin promptly at 8.50am. Parents and Carers are asked to drop and collect their children at the door of the classroom.

There will now be three entrance points to the school grounds: the green gate on Bradford Road accessing the playground directly, the green gate accessing the side path from the school carpark and the large green gate will now open accessing the school field. A tarmac path is being installed during the summer leading from this gate to the top of both sets of stairs leading down to the 3/4 Classrooms.

Please collect your child from outside their classroom at 3.10pm. If you would like your child to walk home or to meet you elsewhere (Key Stage 2 only), please provide the class teachers with written permission.

The government has removed the requirement to wear face coverings in law but expects and recommends that they are worn in enclosed and crowded spaces where you may come into contact with people you don't normally meet.

If we experience a local outbreak, then we may require you to wear masks during this period and will inform you of this.

Staff will wear PPE when administering any first aid or personal care to pupils. Staff also have the option of wearing masks and face shields should they wish, we will be monitoring this closely in cohesion with the School's risk assessment.

Before and after school clubs will begin in Term 1 and we are working together with In2sport to offer as much of a variety as feasible. Dates and times to follow.

The school car park is available for both Parents and Carers of the School and Snapdragons' children to use; however, we do recommend walking, scooting or cycling if able, as parking spaces are limited.

Uniform

Children must wear full school uniform and bring PE kits in readiness for their PE lessons. Please also remember to bring in coats and a pair of outdoor shoes or wellington boots to access the field areas for play. Children go out to play come rain or shine!

Our School's Code of Dress is as follows:

- Grey trousers or grey skirts
- Grey shorts or red/white striped or checked summer dresses
- Burgundy sweatshirt or cardigans (with logo) (from Scholars or PTA Rep for nearly new school uniform)
- White polo shirts or cotton shirts (long or short sleeves)
- Black shoes, sensible sandals (with socks), no colourful or white trainers
- Jewellery – for safety, we ask that children only wear small stud earrings and no rings, necklaces or bracelets. Watches are allowed. However we are seeing an increase in the number of smart watches being worn by children in school. While we recognise that these are popular, we do ask children to only use them as a watch. It can also be very upsetting for children if these go missing or get damaged. With this in mind, we would encourage an alternative to tell the time.
- **Indoor Games:** Plain white T-shirt, plain black shorts and plimsolls, which do not mark the wooden floor.
- **Outdoor Games:** Plain white T-shirt with black track suit bottoms for cold weather and black plimsolls or black/white trainers.
- Extreme haircuts e.g. dyed hair, tramlines/train tracks, mohicans are not appropriate

Please help us by ensuring that all items of your child's clothing are named and PE kits are sent into school in a named PE bag.

Children may also continue to bring in a school bag for their belongings. However, please do not bring in a pencil case as stationery will be provided in school.

Morning Playtime and Tuck

We continue to ask children in Years 1 – 6 to bring in their own named water bottle to sip throughout the day and at breaktime along with some healthy tuck, and ask that bottles and any containers are taken home and washed every day. Please only fill with plain water.

A healthy tuck could include:

- Types of plain biscuits, rice cakes, oat cakes, plain popcorn, breadsticks, crackers
- Any fresh or dried fruit/vegetables
- Any snacks which are real fruit/vegetable based – e.g. Fruit Winders, Bear Yo-Yos/Claws

We kindly ask that children do **not** bring in crisps or any food containing nuts or dairy products e.g. dippers, yoghurts etc. This is vital to protect our children with allergies.

The National Fruit and Vegetable scheme will continue to provide daily fruit and vegetables for FS2 and KS1 children to have at playtime.

Lunchtimes

Lunches will continue to be eaten in phases – Strawberries and KS1 will be provided a cooked lunch through Universal Free School Meal provision. We will continue to provide Free School Meals to any children entitled to them in Key Stage 2. Should you wish to purchase a hot dinner or school packed lunch for a child in KS2 we ask that Parents and Carers ensure that School Money accounts have sufficient funds.

Children may have a wider variety of food within their lunchboxes, including crisps and yoghurts although please remember that we are a nut free school. This includes avoiding nut derived products such as Nutella and Peanut Butter.

Curriculum

As always, we will continue to emphasise the social and emotional well-being of all our children while reintroducing them to the routines and learning behaviours of school.

We will also ensure that the curriculum continues to be broad and balanced, and focuses on developing strong skills and knowledge across all curriculum areas.

Hygiene Habits for Children and Adults in School

Children will be frequently reminded of the following:

- following school instructions on hygiene, such as handwashing and sanitising
- allowing non-medicated hand cream for those who need it to be brought from home for personal use
- expectations about sneezing, coughing, tissues and disposal ('Catch it, Bin it, Kill it') and avoiding touching your mouth, nose and eyes with hands
- tell an adult if you are experiencing symptoms of Coronavirus

Effective Infection Protection and Control

In School, preventing the spread of Coronavirus involves dealing with direct transmission (for instance, when in close contact with those sneezing and coughing) and indirect transmission (via touching contaminated surfaces).

We will ensure:

- Robust cleaning systems to keep the shared spaces and toilets clean
- Doors and windows will be open wherever possible to allow ventilation
- Maintain cleaning hands often - wash hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly regularly throughout the day.
- Ensuring good respiratory hygiene - promote the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' approach

What happens if someone becomes unwell at school?

Any pupil or adult showing coronavirus symptoms will be asked to return home and to contact NHS Test and Trace.

What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus in a school?

Government guidance states from 16 August 2021, children under the age of 18 years old will **no longer be required to self-isolate** if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case.

Instead, children will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and **advised to take a PCR test**. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

We will continue to have a role in working with health protection teams in the case of a local outbreak and value your support with this.

Office

We request that Parents and Carers continue to communicate with us whenever questions arise. Please telephone or email the School Office to arrange an appointment if needed.

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