



## CHURCH EATON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Re: SEPTEMBER RETURN TO SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last Thursday the government released full details of how all children and staff will return safely to school in September. We are extremely pleased to hear that we will be welcoming back all our pupils. The key issue for us to stress is that your child's health and wellbeing are our number one priority - we care about every member of our community.

I would like to summarise some key points below:

1. Each Class will be a bubble and will not mix with other class bubbles.
2. Classrooms will be rearranged with desks in rows as per the government advice.
3. There will be rigorous procedures in place in order to ensure that pupils clean their hands when they arrive at school, when they return from breaks, when they move to other areas of the school, and before and after eating.
4. The government's scientific advice has stated that there is no need for in-class social distancing for primary pupils. We are pleased about this, as younger children do find social distancing difficult.
5. Teachers and support staff are advised to minimise the time they are closer than 1 metre to anyone, and to keep away from colleagues as much as possible as if in a supermarket.
6. We respectfully ask parents to keep 2 metres away when approaching staff. Meetings in school will need to be by appointment only.
7. There will be more frequent cleaning of rooms/shared areas that are used by different groups. Classroom based resources, such as books and games, can be used and shared within the bubble; these will be cleaned regularly, along with all frequently touched surfaces.
8. Resources which are shared between classes, such as sports, art and science equipment will be cleaned frequently and meticulously and always between classes, or rotated to allow them to be left unused and out of reach for a period of 48 hours (72 hours for plastics) between use by different bubbles.

9. Playtimes and lunchtime will be staggered to ensure that different class bubbles do not mix.
10. The school day would normally begin at 08:45 for Reception to Y6 but in light of current guidance, please see the staggered times and entrances/exits to be used below:

Class/Year	Entrance/Exit	Registration	Lunchtime	Finish time
Class 1	9.00 am KS1 Gate	9.10-9.15	11.45-12.15	3.05 pm KS1 Gate
Class 2	8.50 am KS1 Gate	9.00-9.05	11.45-12.15	3.10 pm KS1 Gate
Class 3	8.40 am KS2 Gate	8.50-8.55	12.15- 12.45	3.15pm KS2 Gate
Class 4	8.30 am KS2 Gate	8.40-8.45	12.15- 12.45	3.20 pm KS2 Gate

11. Please could you ensure that you keep exactly to these times to ensure that we are able to maintain the required social distances at the start and end of the day.
12. We have been planning our curriculum for children in this next phase of schooling, and have followed guidance from a researcher of education for children with complex learning needs and difficulties to help us with this. For September, we will be implementing a "Recovery Curriculum". This acknowledges that there have been big losses to children through staying at home, such as isolation, loss of friendships, and interruption to their learning, and that these losses can impact on pupils' mental health causing possible anxiety, trauma and bereavement.
13. Children will perhaps have experienced these aspects all at once and in a sudden and unplanned fashion, which can leave them feeling vulnerable. Equally, whether we have intended to or not, children will have been exposed to adults who are anxious and may not be acting in their normal way, or maintaining the normal routines which they are used to.

To help us support children on their return to school, our recovery curriculum will focus on four areas:

1. **Supporting me to build positive relationships with others**
2. **Supporting me to manage my feelings and behaviour**
3. **Supporting me to enjoy and achieve**
4. **Supporting my physical health and wellbeing**

Physical activity and PE lessons are essential for the health and wellbeing of the pupils. Therefore, all pupils will be engaged in daily activities such as run a mile, Joe Wicks sessions and PE lessons, and all sport will be non-contact.

14. We are all proud of our uniform and I am pleased to inform you that all pupils will wear full uniform in accordance with our policy. School uniform plays an important role in the school life for various reasons including:
  - It shows a sense of belonging;
  - Demonstrates equality and encourages conformity;
  - Children look smart and take pride in their own appearance and achievement;Black school shoes must be worn. Trainers, including black trainers, are not part of Church Eaton's daily school uniform and I appreciate your commitment to upholding the school's expectations. In readiness for September, I can advise that Crested School Wear in Stafford is open and operating extending opening hours.
15. Sadly, we will not be able to hold assemblies or celebration events such as the Harvest Festival under current guidelines.
16. We expect full attendance in September. The government has clearly stated that fines of up to £120 will be issued to parents whose children fail to attend school. Your child simply cannot afford to miss this invaluable time in their education. I assure you that we understand if you have concerns, but we are confident that school can fully reopen safely. If you would like to discuss any issues regarding your child's return, please contact the school office and we will willingly explain exactly how we will keep your child safe.
17. We will be involved in the NHS Test and Trace system and swift action will be taken if required. Your child's safety is of paramount importance to us. Please trust us when we say that we will do everything we can to minimise risks in school. Face coverings will not be allowed in school following Public Health England advice.
18. In the event of a local lockdown, Classes 1-4 will be provided with learning activities as we have done during the lock down period. We hope to be able to use live remote teaching in the near future. This will ensure that your child's education is not disrupted any more than necessary.
19. We are very pleased to announce that we will be able to offer our Before and After school club in September. To help us gauge the demand for places please could you contact the school office by email as soon as possible at [office@churcheaton.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@churcheaton.staffs.sch.uk) and let us know the days that you require wrap around care. More details will be provided before the end of term.

20. There will be a revised Home-School agreement so that we are all clear on how we can support each other. This will be sent out before the end of term.
21. We will also be sending out a revised data collection form at the beginning of September. Please check and return this by email by Friday 25th September to [office@churcheaton.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@churcheaton.staffs.sch.uk)

We are aware that school is now different from what you and the children are used to, and we are aware that many changes have had to be made to accommodate all the children safely. However, we are confident that this is a plan that will work successfully. We have followed all government guidelines, all staff have been fully briefed, and we have explored any concerns and questions raised. I know that you will appreciate the amount of work that has gone into planning your child's safe return to school. If you have any questions about the information in this letter, please contact Mrs Bellamy or myself in the usual ways and we will support you as best we can.

We are beginning to look forward to the summer break! The pupils and staff have worked so hard over these past few months and everyone deserves a good rest! We are all really pleased that all pupils and staff will return in September. I am delighted that our school family will be back together again! Once again, please be assured that your child's safety is of paramount importance to us. We will do everything we can to support each child in a safe return to school... plus the fact we have missed them and cannot wait to see them and welcome them back!

Take care and stay strong

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