



## Chilton Primary School – Newsletter 18 – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July

### One Childhood, One Chance

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2019-20 Provision ends – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing with an outline of how school will operate from September. We are very much looking forward to welcoming all of the children back when Term 1 starts on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September but I know that some of you may well still feel anxious about how our ‘new normal’ school will work. I hope that this information will help to reassure you that we will be taking every measure at our disposal to keep our school community safe.

I don't want to drown you in information but here is the outline:

- The one way system will continue to operate across the site with entry via the gate by the allotments, the direction of travel either across the car park or around the back of the school and exit via the ‘rainbow’ gate by the Reception classrooms and pedestrian gate next to the car gate
- School doors will open at 8:30 and close at 8:50 to allow a ‘fluid’ entry and avoid over-crowding – please do not arrive on the school site prior to 8:30
- Children can be taken around to classrooms by one parent but if your child is old enough to be dropped at the silver gate by the nursery and walk around to class by themselves, that would help us maintain distancing at drop off time
- We will encourage parents to leave the school site swiftly to avoid over-crowding
- Inside, children will remain in their class ‘bubbles’ and will only mix with those children all the time that they are in classrooms
- Outdoor play will be zoned for year groups and children will be able to mix with other children in their year group at break times
- Our cleaning kits in each classroom and learning spaces along with our regular cleaning regimes will continue
- We will teach the children about hygiene measures – hand washing will be frequent and hand sanitiser readily available in classrooms and around the school
- Staff will be able to move between classes but we will try to limit that movement where possible
- Each class will have at least one Teaching Assistant
- Group work (including phonics) will continue but will be within a bubble
- PE will go ahead, outdoors only. Children in Years 3-6 will need to come to school in their PE kits on their PE days as we do not have adequate space to separate changing facilities
- Lunchtimes will be slightly staggered to allow for the separation of groups inside the building and hot school meals will run as usual. Children may eat in the hall or their classrooms, depending on year group. Lunchtimes will still be one hour long.
- Our curriculum will initially focus on English, Maths, Well-being and PSHE as we reintroduce the children to the routines of the school day. We will gradually introduce the wider curriculum across Term 1.
- The end of the day will be staggered to support social distancing. Reception and Year 1 will leave at 3:00. Year 2 and 3 will leave at 3:10. Year 4 and 5 will leave at 3:20 and Year 6 will leave at 3:30. Children can be collected from classrooms EXCEPT year 3 and 4 who will be collected from the top playground. I know this may complicate sibling collections and we will work with parents to manage that!



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- With the rules around groupings of children and maintaining 'bubble' integrity, to start term 1 we will only be able to run a limited breakfast and after school club
  - Breakfast Club will operate from 8:00 and will be available to key worker and vulnerable children only – with a restriction of numbers in each year group so that we can separate children in to groups. We will work hard on arrangements across Term 1 to try and extend our provision as and when we can.
  - After school club will run until 4:30 for key worker and vulnerable children only, again with a restriction on numbers in each year group. We will try to extend this provision as and when we can
  - We will begin the process of organising this from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September and will be in touch then regarding places and arrangements
  - There will be no other after school clubs for Term 1
  - Residential (over-night) trips are not permitted, so the Year 6 Swattenden trip has been cancelled
  - An announcement on the Kent Test is due on 20<sup>th</sup> July but I expect this to be delayed until October
  - We encourage parents to use email and the telephone to speak with members of staff to limit people on site
  - Parents will not be allowed inside the building, apart from where absolutely necessary in to the school office and for specific face to face meetings
  - If children present with Covid-19 symptoms, they must be kept away from school until they have been tested – and obtained a negative result.
  - Children at school who present with Covid-19 symptoms will be sent home and parents asked to obtain a test – they will not be able to return until a negative result has been obtained
  - Test results do come quickly – within 24-48 hours!
  - Should a child test positive, we will take and act upon PHE advice in terms of isolation periods – this may mean a class bubble will be required to isolate at home

I will write again before the summer holidays and also before the start of Term 1 to update you all with how we intend to start the new school year and of course we will keep you informed as things progress. In school, we have all been working within government guidance for some time now and it all seems very much the norm to us. I know that it may seem alien to those of you who haven't been attending school in this period of time. Please rest assured that we are entirely focused on supporting both parents and children throughout a successful return to school and settling in period.

Yours Sincerely



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Head of School

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**SAVE THE DATES – ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021:**

**Development Days: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

Term 1 begins for children – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Term 1 ends – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

**Half Term 24<sup>th</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> November**

**Development Day – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

Term 2 begins for children - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Term 2 ends – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas Holidays – 19<sup>th</sup> December to 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

**Development Day – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Term 3 begins for children - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Term 3 ends – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Half Term – 13<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021**

Term 4 begins - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

Term 4 ends - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

**Easter Holidays 2<sup>nd</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

Term 5 begins – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**Bank Holiday Monday - 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021**

Term 5 ends – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**Half Term – 29<sup>th</sup> May – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**Development Day - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Term 6 begins for Children – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Term 6 ends – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

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