



Trusting in God, together we live, learn and grow.

Haresfield C of E Primary School
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Dear Parents,

9th July 2020

I am currently planning the full re-opening of the school in September and wanted to answer a few of the questions you may have, inform you of the procedures and safety routines we have in place and ask you all to be mindful of the structures and timings we have in place to allow for social distancing measures. The safety of our children, our families and my staff has to be my top priority. Enhanced cleaning systems are in place and will continue to ensure the safety of all. I am sure that there will be things that are a challenge for you during the start-up process but please remember we are all getting used to the 'new normal' and be considerate and patient with us and each other as we settle into a new routine.

From September, we will be opening the school to all children. There will be an expectation that all children come to school every day from the start unless they are ill, please do not send your child to school if they have a cough, a temperature or you suspect that they have been in contact with anyone with a confirmed case of Covid 19. Please ring Mrs Buckle to let us know. The government are planning to reintroduce fines for non-attendance so it is important that the children are in school every day.

I have put together a detailed plan for staggered starts, playtimes, lunchtime and end of day. The children in each class will only be with their teacher and TA's in their classroom working as a bubble, not mixing with children from other year groups. Apart from the children in Owls and Bats who will be a single bubble together to allow for Year 1 children to work as a cohort.

Haresfield School will be a very different place for now to how it used to be and some children might find that quite difficult to manage, parents will need to drop their child at the gate as we cannot admit others onto the property for health and safety reasons. I would urge you to talk to your child about this so that they feel confident coming to school and know what to expect.

Staggered start to the day

I have organised times for children in each bubble to be dropped off, I have included family groups to come at the same time to save parents waiting at the gate. New reception children with siblings will join these time slots from 14th September. Please, please DO NOT COME EARLY. We are trying to allow children into school in small groups to allow time for handwashing and organising themselves into their seat. We do not have much parking at Haresfield and if you come earlier than your time you are taking the parking space of someone else. Please be considerate to others. I will email each family individually to give you your drop off and pick up times, I will also be on the gate every day to help you just drop and go if you wish.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will be starting on Monday 7th September. It is £2.50 per session. We need to know how many children will be attending each day to ensure that the bubble does not get too large. To book your child a space you must email Mrs Buckle on admin@haresfield.gloucs.sch.uk before Thursday 3rd September giving her the details of which child and what day. This system will be used from now on each week so you will need to email before the Thursday to book a place for the following week.

Breakfast club will be different as children will be expected to remain sat down at their space, colouring and puzzles will be provided and a film will be put on for them. Please talk to your child before they come to breakfast club so that they know the rules.

On entry to school

All children will be expected to wash their hands, put their things in their drawers and sit down. Please do not send your child with a large bag – we have no room to store them. Children in Otters and Beavers will all be facing the front of the class in rows, however, we felt as a school that this approach was not appropriate for the children in KS1. They will be sat apart from each other but communication and learning together is a fundamental learning tool for younger children so there will be times when they will work on a table with others. We will encourage social distancing and good hand and breathe hygiene at all times. The children are asked to wash their hands between activities and the resources will be cleaned each day on a rota.

Playtimes and lunchtimes

Each bubble will have a set area for their playtime, one area for each bubble. The resources will be kept in the classroom to ensure that bubbles do not mix. All KS1 will use the top of the field, Otters class will use the bottom of the field and Beavers class will use the playground and the agility area. We will be using the field every day, even if the grass is wet, so it is very important that every child has a named pair of wellies in school.

Hot dinners will be provided by our usual suppliers, Caterlink. All KS1 children have been allocated a seat in the hall, they will only sit in their seat with as much space between children as possible. The lunches will be delivered to each child in their seat to stop queues. All KS2 children will eat in their classroom. If they opt to have a hot lunch, this will be delivered to them in their classroom seat. All tables and benches will be sanitised every day by staff.

Learning and teaching

For the start of the year there will be an emphasis on building relationships, friendships, resilience, self-esteem and re-engaging children with their learning skills. Building trust and confidence for all will be a massive task. It will be a huge change for many of our children who have not been into school for 6 long months, they will need time to readjust to the routines and expectations of school. We will be planning many outdoor learning opportunities as possible. We will also be building in lots of assessment tasks and new interventions that will help children catch up with missed learning and to help them remember the skills they have already learnt. One vital thing that parents can do over the summer is to listen to your child read...it is essential for all children, so please take time to read to them, share books, stories, even comics to reignite their imagination and love of books.



Behaviour Expectations

We will be expecting all children to take responsibility for their own behaviour towards each other and towards staff. I want to make it clear from the start that social distancing will still be expected, children will be asked not to touch each other, not to put their hands in their mouths and to cough into their sleeve or a tissue using the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach. Please discuss this with your child before September.

PE at School

To eliminate the need for changing and large PE bags we are going to be asking children to come in joggers and a PE top on the day of their PE session (with a jumper and coat). We would like all children to have a pair of trainers in school so that they can change into them if they are doing outdoor learning. These trainers can be kept in a small cloth PE bag or a carrier bag if you don't have one. Each class will send a letter home during the first week of term informing you of PE days.

After school

There will be staggered pick up times for all families and these will be emailed to each family during the next few days. As before, please do not come early for pick up as it will make things difficult for others in our school community.

Unfortunately, there will not be any teacher led after school clubs for the first half term at least, but as soon as we can reintroduce these I will let you all know.

Limitless kids

Tom and Laura are looking forward to welcoming you and your children back to the after school club in the school hall. We have put safety measures in place to allow for this to return safely from Tuesday 8th September. If you wish to book spaces please email Tom directly at info@limitlesskids.co.uk or call 07741470076.

What happens if your child becomes ill at school?

If your child is displaying symptoms of Covid 19 we will ring you to come and collect your child straight away and ask you to book a test for them immediately. If it is dry they will be sat outside in the courtyard with a member of staff or if wet, they will be quarantined in the resources room. Please ring or email school as soon as you have the test results back please.

If a positive test is received the school will close **only the bubble that that child** is in and online learning will be available from day 1 of closure. There will be an expectation that your child will complete the work set for them every day to minimise disruption to their learning and ensure there is no loss of learning. If you need printed sheets rather than online learning please inform us as soon as possible.

We all miss you very much, we look forward to welcoming our Haresfield family back to a safe and happy school.

Please take care and stay safe,

With very best wishes

Rachel Bacon

Head Teacher

Haresfield School

