



Dear Parents/Carers

FULL REOPENING OF SCHOOL – SEPTEMBER 2020

We are delighted to be able to give you a more detailed explanation of what our ‘new normal’ will look like when we re-open for all children in September. It is important to realise that coming back to school will be an entirely different experience for both yourselves and your children compared to what the school was like before the lockdown.

Our overriding priority remains the safety and wellbeing of all of our children and staff. We are following the information that we have received from the Government and putting in place comprehensive risk assessments to ensure that we can maintain the highest standards of safety to protect the whole school community.

We have successfully implemented the ‘bubble’ system for the year groups that have already returned and will be extending this to accommodate the rest of our children back into school. The information that follows provides details of how our school will continue to operate from September 2020.

Start and Finish Times

Class	Drop Off Time	Collection Time	Pick Up/Drop Off Point	Staff
Pixie	8:45am	3:00pm	Main School Gate	Miss Williams Mrs Sneath
Unicorn	8:55am	3:10pm	Main School Gate	Miss Parker Miss England
Pegasus	9:05am	3:20pm	Main School Gate	Mrs H Mason Mrs Walker
Griffin	8:45am	3:00pm	Car Park Gate	Miss White Miss Sawford
Centaur	8:55am	3:10pm	Car Park Gate	Mrs MacFarlane Miss Hughes
Dragon	9:05am	3:20pm	Car Park Gate	Miss Bland Mrs Russell
Phoenix	9:15am	3:30pm	Car Park Gate	Mrs Lowe/Mrs Howe Miss Terry

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We ask everyone to ensure they arrive promptly at their given time to avoid unnecessary contact with others. If you are late for your allotted drop off time, your child will be collected by a staff member, outside of the school gates, and will remain with them until they can be safely brought into the school. We are unable to accommodate any changes to these times.

If you have children coming into school who are in different year groups, you should drop them off at the allotted time and gate – we are unable to accommodate earlier drop off or pick up times for these children. We have however tried to make the times between each drop off and collection time as short as possible in order to reduce waiting times.

Unfortunately, we are unable to offer breakfast club or after school club provision at this time.

All children should come into school through the relevant entrance gate and we ask that you stand at the markings on the pavements to maintain social distancing. Please keep your child/children by your side. To ease congestion around the school site we also insist that only 1 parent should drop off and pick up.

Children will be collected from their entrance gate by a member of staff. Parents must stand clear of the gate at all times and once your child has entered into the school site, leave quickly to allow the next child to enter. Staff will not be able to take questions and queries. Please communicate with your child's teacher by email or by telephoning the School Office.

To collect your child, please arrive at the stated time, standing at the markings on the pavements to maintain social distancing and always keeping away from the school gate. A member of staff will release children one at a time to their waiting parent. Once you have collected your child, please leave promptly, so that the next child is able to leave.

We ask that all parents are mindful of the congestion that will occur with so many children entering and exiting through our school gates, and ask that you leave the area as soon as you have dropped off or collected your child and not remain talking to other parents. A member of staff will be outside the gates at these times and will ask you to move on if you remain around the site. Children cannot be dropped off or collected into cars – they must be dropped off and collected by an adult at the relevant gate.

Parents/carers will not be permitted into the School Office or any other area of the school. If you need to communicate with any member of staff, please email Mrs Gilmour vgilmour@covs.northants.sch.uk or call the School Office.

The School Day

Your child will be in a class 'bubble' during each school day. The bubble will not mix with any other bubble. The children will spend the day in their allotted classroom or outside. Social distancing measures will be adhered to as much as possible.

Lunch will be eaten in their classroom and will be packed lunches only. If you are providing your child with a packed lunch please provide it in a clean lunchbox. Please ensure all items can be opened by your child as staff will not be able to touch your child's belongings. Packed lunches, including free school meals, will be available to book from Love Food and if you wish to use this service, please book in the usual way. Lunch boxes must be cleaned daily and it is essential that your child also brings a water bottle, which is clearly labelled with their name.

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The children will spend more time outside than is usual but the apparatus, tyres, team games and use of the PE equipment will not be possible. Classroom doors and windows will be left open to enable air flow. Break and lunchtimes will be staggered so that groups do not mix. Parents can also provide suntan lotion, that is named and that your child is able to use themselves.

The cloakrooms will not be used by the children and all coats and bags will remain with each child at their table for the entire day. We ask that you provide a small bag or book bag (no rucksacks) to enable us to distribute reading books and homework, but no other items are permitted to be brought in from home other than their own small hand sanitiser if preferred. A PE kit will not be needed at this time, however on the days that your child will be doing PE they will be asked to wear trainers to school.

All children will need to be in school uniform. This can be ordered online through Rock-It Promotions who are able to deliver directly to individual homes. We are unable to take collection of uniform and distribute it at this time, however we may be able to re-introduce this service during the Autumn Term. Please be aware that government guidance recommends that uniform is washed daily.

Children will not be permitted to wear face masks in school and the government guidelines state that this is not necessary with the bubble system in place.

The curriculum will focus on priority areas for each class as well as their emotional development and well-being, with additional PSHE lessons being taught as required.

A summary of what the children need to bring in:

Clothing	Food/Drink	Other
Clean school uniform	Water bottle	Small bag or book bag (no rucksacks)
Waterproof coat	Packed lunch (unless accessing lunches through Love Food)	Small hand sanitiser (optional)
Long hair must be tied back		Sun lotion (optional)

The Classroom

We would urge parents to talk to their children with regards to the classroom environment. We will send a photo of your child's classroom in September so that you can support them in understanding how the school will have changed. Their classes will look very different from what they have been used to. There will be no soft furnishings, rugs, dressing up or cuddly toys. Items in the classroom will be limited as they will need to be regularly cleaned. The classes will look quite bare and in most cases your child will have a set seat and will not be able to change seats. They will not be permitted the close contact with their teachers that they are used to. If they have a fall or a toileting accident they will be encouraged to change and clean themselves. Any minor first aid will be administered by classroom staff who will have access to personal protective equipment (PPE) and will be instructed to wear it in these circumstances.

Children will wash their hands on arrival and regularly throughout the day.

If your child's behaviour is deemed unsafe and they fail to adhere to the measures that we have had to put in place, we will follow the procedures outlined within our Behaviour Policy, which is available on

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our school website. We must prioritise the safety of all in our care. We would appreciate you reinforcing this message at home.

In Case of Illness

If we believe that your child is exhibiting symptoms of coronavirus they will be removed from their classroom immediately and taken to the Medical Room to await collection. You will be contacted and must collect your child and any siblings immediately. Your child/children will only be allowed to return to school once a confirmation of a negative test is received or after the time stated for self-isolation (14 days) has passed. If you receive a positive test you must inform the school as all other children and staff in their group will need to self-isolate for 14 days and will not be allowed back into school.

Under no circumstances should anyone enter the premises if they have symptoms of COVID-19.

The usual 48 hour rule applies to sickness and diarrhoea.

What next?

Whilst we hope that Corby will not be faced with a local lockdown, should this happen then remote learning via Teams will recommence immediately and we will keep you informed as to when the school will reopen again.

We hope that you all have a fantastic summer holiday and that you continue to be safe and stay well. We have all missed you very much and are really looking forward to us all being back together again.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

Yours sincerely

Miss Paula Thomas
Headteacher