



Dear Parents/Carers

FULL RE-OPENING OF SCHOOL – 8th MARCH 2021

We are delighted that the Government has announced that we will be re-opening for all children on 8th March 2021. Our overriding priority continues to be the safety and wellbeing of all of our children, parents and staff.

We must all understand that this is the very beginning of the easing of the lockdown and it is vital that we remain vigilant and adhere to social distancing rules, especially as the Covid-19 rates within Corby are still one of the highest in the country. We all want to get back to normal as soon as possible, which means we must **all play our part** and follow the rules during each stage of the relaxation period. If we do not, the Government may be forced to delay the easing of restrictions.

The School Day

As a school, we will continue to follow Government guidelines and maintain the 'bubble' system for all of our year groups with the staggered entry and exit times, although these will be different to the times during the Autumn Term. Please see the table below for your child's new entry/exit 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	8:50am	3:05pm	Main School Gate	Miss Parker Miss England
Pegasus	8:55am	3:10pm	Main School Gate	Mrs H Mason Mrs Walker
Griffin	8:45am	3:00pm	Car Park Gate	Miss White Miss Sawford
Centaur	8:50am	3:05pm	Car Park Gate	Mrs Attley Miss Hughes
Dragon	8:55am	3:10pm	Car Park Gate	Miss Bland Mrs Russell
Phoenix	9:00am	3:15pm	Car Park Gate	Mrs Lowe/Mrs Howe Miss Terry

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We still have some children who regularly arrive late to school. Please be prompt for drop off and pick up as failure to arrive on time impacts other groups and breaks the bubble chain.

Until all social distancing rules have been removed (which will be in June at the earliest), we ask that you stand at the markings outside of the school gates at drop off and pick up times. We would like to remind you not to gather in groups at these times, instead please leave the area as soon as you have dropped off or collected your child.

If you travel to the school by car, please park a safe distance away from the gates, or in one of the village car parks and walk up to collect your child. Please do not park on the double yellow or zigzag lines outside the school entrances as this is dangerous and puts the members of our school community at risk.

Children must come to school in uniform, apart from on their PE day, when they can come to school in their PE kit. Government guidance recommends that uniform is washed daily. Please remember to send appropriate outdoor clothing with your child as each classroom will be ventilated and the children will still be spending a lot of their day outside. Please send your child with a clean water bottle, their reading books, records and wallets to school every day. No bags or back packs will be allowed as we are still unable to use the cloakroom areas.

Our school lunch provider, Love Food, will be on site daily to prepare any lunches ordered. If you would like your child to receive school meals, please order in the usual way. Alternatively, you may send a packed lunch from home.

Unfortunately, due to the 'bubble' system, we are still unable to offer breakfast club or after school club provision at this time, however we are hopeful that this will change as measures are relaxed through the summer term. We will keep you updated as to when we can begin to offer these services again.

In Case of Illness

If your child or anyone within your household/support bubble shows any symptoms of COVID-19, you must not send your child to school and must book a test immediately. Your child 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 (10 days) has passed. If you receive a positive test you must inform the school as all other children and staff in their group may need to self-isolate for 10 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.

Rapid Testing of Staff

Rapid testing of staff using Lateral Flow Devices has been in place since January, and helps us to identify anyone who is infectious but is not showing any COVID-19 symptoms. This is undertaken twice weekly, and in the event of a positive test result, we may have to close a class bubble. Should this occur, parents will be notified by text message and email with information regarding self-isolation rules for the children affected.

What next?

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We will monitor closely the Government's easing of restrictions over the coming few months and as soon as the guidance allows we will also begin to relax our procedures and hopefully we will be able to return to normal before the end of the summer term. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued patience and understanding at this extremely challenging time.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at office@covs.northants.sch.uk if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Miss Paula Thomas
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