



Curwen Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so excited to welcome you back! We also just want to repeat how proud and impressed we are with everyone – parents, carers and children - that you have worked so hard at home learning. We know that it has been really hard for everyone, but you have all done an amazing job. As you may have seen by the government announcement this week, all children will be returning on **Monday 8th March 2021**. Please remember that for those of you who have been receiving vouchers for Free School Meals that this will now end as all children will be provided with lunch at school. We know that there has been lots of talk in the media about ‘catching up’ and children ‘being behind’ but we want to reassure you all that we know that working as a team this will not be a problem. We are looking forward to the children being able to socialise and play with their friends again.

We know that the rates of covid-19 have gone down considerably, but we would like to reassure you that we are still proactively seeking out all relevant advice and implementing this within our risk assessment in school. This will all continue to be kept under regular review. On this return much of the day-to-day arrangements will remain the same as before Christmas, but we are detailing arrangements again for you below.

Day-to-day arrangements:

- Entry will continue to **only** be through the Nursery Gate or KS1 Gate (London Road). Children should be dropped from youngest to oldest and parents/carers can exit through our 5/6 building or KS2 gate (down the ramp to Stock Street). To reduce numbers in our playground, we ask that **only one adult** from each household attend. Unless medically exempt, anyone dropping children off will be **required to wear a face covering**. Please do not be offended if staff ask you to wear one, or to leave your child/ren with us the gates if you do not have one on.
- Children can be dropped to school 8:40am-9:00am and collected 3:00pm-3:20pm. **Please do not arrive earlier than these times as this causes queuing and distancing becomes difficult**. We may ask parents/carers to wait at the gates if the playground is particularly busy. Any children arriving after the gates have shut will need to queue outside the main office with their parent/carer until a member of staff is available to escort them to their bubble. **Please ensure you are on time to avoid waiting**. Please remember that if children are collected after 3:30pm you may be subject to a late fee (see our website for more information)

Personal belongings:

- Children can bring a bag to school but **must not** bring personal belongings (stationery/toys etc). **All children must bring a water bottle each day** which we can re-fill for them
- Children should wear their PE kit on their PE day; there will be no changing in school. PE days will be as before Christmas – please contact us if you are unsure. Year 4 will need their PE kit on the first Monday back

Arrangements within school:

- Children will still be kept in ‘bubbles’ to reduce the contact they are having with others. Staff will be kept as consistent as possible
- There will be one-way systems within school, and the playground will stay split up
- There will be **no** school visits happening that involve public transport





What we need from you:

- For the safety of everyone, children **must not** come to school **if they are unwell or if members of their household, childcare bubble or support bubble are displaying COVID-19 symptoms**. Please report their absence via Studybugs and if the symptoms could be COVID-19 (temperature / new continuous cough) then please keep your whole family at home and seek medical advice. If you have a test please let us know the outcome. **If anyone in your household has a test then everyone must isolate until you receive the results**
- All parents **must** ensure that they keep all phone numbers updated (including emergency contact numbers)
- All parents **must** have Studybugs and **must read** all communication sent
- Parents and carers will **not** be allowed in the building. We will continue to arrange events to invite you (virtually) to share your child's learning
- Please remember that we all need to continue to do our part and minimise contact with other adults. Please contact us via phone / email / Studybugs wherever possible. If you need to speak to a member of staff please wear a face covering. Children will not wear face coverings in school so if your child comes to school in a mask please ensure this is stored somewhere safely as they go into class
- Belongings that children have forgotten (library books / water bottles / coats etc) **must not** be brought to the main office. The only exception to this will be medication
- Please continue to avoid appointments during the school day wherever possible. Due to us having to maintain our 'bubbles', if your child has an appointment during school time (please note this should **only** be a hospital or specialist appointment or an emergency) then they **cannot** be collected / dropped off mid-session. All collection must be at 12:00 (with prior notice), and any children attending a morning appointment should be dropped back to school at 12:55pm (having eaten lunch). Evidence **must** be provided of appointments to the main office

Wraparound care:

- If attending breakfast club, children can enter via the main office 7:45-8:30am. Please note breakfast is cereal and fruit due to the 'bubbles' children are in. **Breakfast club is open to all children from Reception to Year 6, and does not need to be booked**. The cost is 70p per day which should be paid via School Money. If you arrive at school prior to 8:30am we may ask you to use breakfast club to avoid congestion at the entrances
- 6 o'clock club will be running after school at a charge of £10 per day, which includes a snack. This **must** be booked by midday the week before (this is so that we can organise staffing and food), and a contract needs to be signed before your child can attend. Please contact the office if you would like more information about 6 o'clock club
- There will be **no after school clubs** except 6 o'clock club until we have settled all the children back into school again. These will continue to be 'invite only' and you will receive a letter to inform you if your child has been selected

It is vital that you put Studybugs on your phone and let us know if you are having any difficulties receiving messages.

We know that our return in September was fantastic, and are sure that the children will be in and settled back in with their teachers and friends quickly. Please do contact us if you have any concerns about anything. We look forward to seeing you soon!

With kind regards,

Mrs Mansfield
Head of School

