

Welcoming Children Back to School in September 2020

The government's plan is for **all** children to be back in school for the start of the autumn term. It is vital that they attend for both their education and their well-being.

Children will be returning to their normal classes at the start of term. All children will be moving up to the next year group.

The Classes

At Chalton, we will continue to have the three 'bubbles,' but obviously with larger numbers in the classes. The children will be in rows, facing the front. Staff will keep their distance, as advised in 'Guidance for full opening of schools' published 2nd July 2020. The Staff will work with children individually at a safe distance but this will not be for longer than 15 minutes. The children will have their own equipment and resources so that these are not shared. Books will not come home for reading, but we will revisit this decision as the term progresses. We will send home sheets for the weekly spellings and tables.

The classes will have their own area on the playground, but we may need to revise this if the field is too wet. The idea is to avoid contact between the bubbles. Staff will be allowed to enter other bubbles, but they will socially distance from the children and other staff.

Health and Safety - system of controls

1. We will minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus [COVID-19] symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school
2. The children will continue to wash their hands when arriving at school; before and after play; before and after lunch.
3. The school will promote good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
4. There will be enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using detergents and bleach

Number 1 - 4 will be in place all the time.

5. Minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible
6. When necessary, wear PPE

Number 5 will be used whenever possible.

Number 6 will be used in specific circumstances.

7. Engage with the NHS Test and Trace process
8. We will manage cases of coronavirus [COVID-19] in the school community
9. Contain any outbreak by following local health protection team advice

Numbers 7 - 9 will be followed in every case where they are relevant.

Prevention/Test and Trace

It is important that everybody, staff members, parents/carers, understand that they will need to be ready and willing to have a test and provide information about who they have been in contact with.

If your child is displaying signs of coronavirus, or who have someone in your household who does, then your child should not attend school. You should arrange for them to have a test if they are displaying symptoms and they should self-isolate for at least 7 days if it proves to be positive. Other household members, including siblings, should self-isolate for 14 days.

The school will need to be informed if there is a positive result so that we can liaise with the local Public Health England health protection team. We would also welcome hearing that it is negative so that staff and pupils do not worry unnecessarily.

Cleaning

We will maintain cleaning in line with current guidelines issued and they will be reviewed appropriately as they are updated.

Distancing

Staff will distance themselves from children to avoid unnecessary contact.

Staff will avoid face-to-face contact with children.

Desks will face the front of the class and pupils will sit side-by-side.

Equipment will not be shared across the classes.

Reading books will not be sent home for the time being, but we will review this.

Arriving and Leaving School

We ask you to try and keep to these times as lessons in the classrooms will be starting at different times and you could be marked as late.

Year 3 and 4 - arrive between 8.40 and 8.50 [lessons to start at 8.50 am], leave 3.15 to 3.25

Year 1 and 2 - arrive between 8.45 and 8.55 [lessons to start at 8.55am, leave 3.20 to 3.30

Reception - arrive between 8.50 and 9.00 [lessons to start at 9.00 am], leave 3.25 to 3.35

- Family groups will have to arrive at the earliest time for their first child's group and then leave at the latest time for their second child. The children have to complete the required number of hours in school per week as per the government guidelines.

Please try to avoid other parents when you are dropping off your child. Walk to school on the school side of the road, but then cross over once you have dropped off your child so that you maintain social distancing.

Please try to keep on the opposite side of the road to school whilst you are waiting for your child to come out of class so that you maintain social distancing. We will keep the children by the gate whilst you are crossing. The children cannot leave at the same time.

Contact with school

We request that only one adult brings their child/ren to school.

I will be at the school gate and you will be able to pass on messages to members of staff. You can also send in queries or questions by email or telephone the School Office and staff will get back to you with a response.

If another adult is collecting your child/ren from school, please either telephone the Office or email into school so that we can make a note of it.

PPE equipment

This will only be used if we suspect a case of coronavirus - COVID 19 and we need to deep clean an area.

Should a child need to be isolated whilst waiting to be collected from school. Then staff will maintain a safe distance from them.

Attendance

- All children will be expected in school unless they are complying with clinical and/or public health advice. **Please telephone school if you think you fall into this category.**
- Parents are asked to phone in and speak to a member of staff regarding absence. **Please do not leave a message on the answer phone as we need to know reasons.**
- School will follow up absences that have not been notified to the school.
- **Fixed penalty notices** for absence will be given in line with the local authorities codes of conduct.

Uniform

We will expect all children to be in uniform. Mondays and Wednesdays will continue to be PE days, so we will expect them to come into school in their kit on those days. However, this will not be the first Monday that we return to school.

After-School Clubs

There will be no After-School Clubs or Lunch Time Clubs as we do not want to mix the bubbles. We will review this over time.

Lunches

We are asking the kitchen to provide packed lunches for those children in Reception, year 1 and year 2. We want to keep the bubbles separate from each other and this is the easiest option to do this. We will send out the weekly menu so that you know what they are having and you may, if you wish, send in a packed lunch if they do not like it. Year 3 and 4 will need to bring in their own packed lunch.

Curriculum

We will be assessing where the children are in their learning through looking at their work as they complete it. We know that there will be gaps in their learning because of the time lost over

the last few months and the staff will be trying to address this. We will look at the end of year objectives for their last year to ensure that the children have covered them before they move on. We will endeavour to provide a broad and balanced curriculum covering the full range of subjects.

The year 1 and 2 class will need to spend some time on their phonics which will help both with their reading, writing and spelling skills.

We will not be having whole school assemblies as we do not want to mix the bubbles. Staff are going to use the 15 minutes to help with some of the mental maths tasks that they have not completed during lockdown.

We may ask you to complete tasks at home eg practising reading or spelling of keywords to support the work in school. We will be sending home spellings and tables every week for them to learn for their weekly test.

PE will continue to be on a Monday and Wednesday. The classes will be taking part in the 4 minute running challenge everyday to meet the expectations for being active.

Passwords

We will be sending you log ins for various programmes at the beginning of term. These should be kept safe so that they can be accessed. Should the bubble or school have to go into lockdown then the planning will refer to these.

- Purple Mash [or Mini Mash for the younger children]
- Teach your monster to read - phonics
- Mathletics - all year groups
- Oxford Owl Reading - use for the username and password Diamond2020. Try and use this during the holiday to keep their reading going. We are not sure if they will have access in September.

Home School

Should we go into a lockdown at any point, the planning will be sent out to you and it will be placed on our website under 'Home School'. Resources will be placed there too.

What to bring into school

We ask that the children do not bring in their book bags for the time being. They need their **water bottle** filled with water, **packed lunch**, **coat** and **sunhat** depending upon the weather.

A copy of this will be on the school's website

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