

Chantry Primary School plan for re-opening in September for all year groups

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This plan has been written by the Senior Leadership Team and reviewed by the Governing Body. It reflects the Government advice in the following documents:

- Guidance for full opening: schools (2 July 2020) <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>
- Coronavirus (COVID-19): implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings (1 June 2020) <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>
- What parents and carers need to know about nurseries, childminders, schools and colleges until August 2020 (2 July 2020) <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>
- What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges in the autumn term (2 July 2020) <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

To meet Government guidance, our plans must be detailed and may seem complicated. However, it is important that you feel we have taken all appropriate measures

Action needed by parents:

Please read the following document with care.

In line with Government advice, please walk or cycle to school if possible. Please respect our children and our neighbours' safety and do not park in Barrack Road

New practice in school:

Class groupings

- Children will be taught in their usual class group of 30. Each class will not mix with any other children in school. These groups will not change.
- The adults who work with the class will remain the same each week.
- We will not be holding assemblies, productions or any other events where larger groups meet until the guidance changes. Children will still be awarded certificates on Fridays but we will celebrate their achievements via our Facebook page and newsletters.

Increased hygiene measures

- All Children will wash their hands on entry to school and throughout the day.
- Children will use paper towels to dry their hands. The blue roller towels have been removed from toilet areas.
- Additional cleaning will take place during the day, including toilets, and classrooms. This includes the emptying of classroom bins in the middle of the day.

- We have increased the amount of tissues in the classrooms and will be reinforcing the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' message

Equipment

- Children will have named stationery packs for their use. These will not be shared.
- Where resources must be shared within the bubble, they will be cleaned regularly.
- In Reception, the children will have their own outdoor area for their use during the day. This will not be shared with any other groups.
- Cloakroom areas will not be used and instead, children will be asked to hang their coats on the back of their chairs. Please only send coats to school when needed.
- Children will not be allowed to bring toys, equipment or bags to school. KS1 and year 3 children may bring a book bag with their reading book and reading record in. Please ensure that all jumpers, coats etc. are named. This is vital.
- Please ensure your child brings their own, named water bottle to school each day. This should only contain water and can be refilled throughout the day.
- Where Year 6 children bring phones to school, children will place their own phone in a box in the year classroom. These will be stored securely until the end of the school day.

Uniform

- Children need to wear school uniform and shoes/ trainers in term 1 that are suitable for taking part in sport. These do not need to be black however, trainers with high soles are not suitable for school.
- Children will not need to bring a PE kit during term 1, instead on days when the class have PE we ask that children wear dark grey/black tracksuit bottoms or p.e. shorts to school together with their school T shirt and jumper. This will reduce the need for additional movement around the school.

Playtimes

- At playtimes, classes will not mix with other groups. This will be done by staggering times and locations of playtimes. Over the week, children will have playtimes in different outdoor areas (such as on grass or on the playground) so that they have a variety of play. Playtimes will be carefully supervised.
- Each class will have their own box of play equipment which only their group will use. This will be cleaned regularly.

Lunchtimes

- Lunch will be in separate areas of the hall and staggered to avoid children mixing. There will be hot meals and baguettes served.
- Meals will need to be booked (and paid for if your child is in year 3, 4, 5 and 6) via ParentPay. We will provide a lunch for all KS1 children and Key stage 2 children in receipt of Free School Meals.
- We encourage as many children to have school lunch, to minimise the amount of lunchboxes brought into school.
- If your child wishes to have packed lunch, their lunchbox will be stored under their desk.

Illness

- Please don't send children to school if they have:
 - **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
 - **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
 - **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal
- If your child or anyone in your household shows any of the Covid 19 symptoms above, you should self-isolate for 14 days.
- Any child or adult in the school who displays symptoms should arrange to be tested swiftly.
- If anyone tests positive for Covid 19, we will be following the guidance from public Health England..
- If any child becomes unwell in school, we will separate them from their group and ask a parent/carer to collect them.

The school Office

The school office will be closed to parents. If you need to make contact with the school, please email school@chantry.e-sussex.sch.uk or telephone the school office.

Arriving at school.

Please follow government guidance and ensure social distancing at all times. Please do not congregate on our site or in the surrounding roads.

Our plans have been made to ensure that social distancing is possible. This includes reducing the number of people using each entrance to our school. We ask that only one parent per family should drop off /collect their child/ren.

Parents will not be allowed into the school, or onto our site other than during their allotted drop off/collection time. We ask that you do not arrive early or wait directly outside the school gates.

To minimise the amount of people entering/exiting our site and along the footpaths nearby, we ask that year 6 parents drop off/ pick up children from an agreed meeting point outside the school I, Year 6 children will be reminded to come straight back to school if their parent is not there. Year 5 and 6 children are able to walk home alone if we have written confirmation from a parent/carer.

Parents will not be able to stop and speak to the teacher/teaching assistant. Members of the Senior Leadership Team will be on the playground each morning ready to take urgent messages to be delivered to class staff later. Please ensure that you keep your distance from the staff member. Any message that is sensitive or confidential will need to be given by phone, email or in a note to the staff member.

- Teachers can be contacted before and after school using the class emails.
- Parents will need to exit the school site via the same route.

Please note, children will be unable to go and collect anything left behind in classes. We will endeavour to ensure that they bring everything with them. Forgotten items will be in class in the morning.

Frequently asked questions:

1. Is it safe for my child to return to school?

The Government says that all children are expected to return to school in September. We have put measures in place to make it as safe as possible for your child.

2. What happens if I don't send my child into school in September?

The government expects that all children will return to school and we will be working hard to support parents and carers with the transition back. Attendance procedures, will only be used as a last resort when all other methods of supporting families have failed.

3. Will my child be socially distancing in class?

We will try as best we can to socially distance, however in classrooms this will not always be possible. Young children will naturally move closer to each other than 2 metres. The Government has accepted that this will happen with young children and factored that into assessing the risk.

4. I am worried how my child will cope with the changes how will they be supported?

Teachers will be talking to the children about the changes as soon as they come back and supporting them. They will keep a careful eye on all children and offer additional support to those who need it. Adults are trained to support children with their emotional health and lots of wellbeing work will be carried out in the groups. Parents will be informed if we are concerned that your child is finding things difficult.

5. How will you ensure my child catches up with their learning?

Teachers are already working hard to plan for September. In class, children will be following our Chantry curriculum but with an emphasis on ensuring they have the key reading, writing and maths skills they need to progress.

6. Will my child just be doing maths and English?

No, we will be teaching all subjects as well as supporting children to catch up in maths and English. Children will be taking part in creative projects across the curriculum through our Creative Fridays and Foundation Fridays.

7. Will children be sharing resources?

Children will have their own new pencil, ruler and rubber (and pen where appropriate). These will be in a named wallet. They will share other resources amongst the class. Other resources will be cleaned before being shared between classes (such as laptops, P.E. equipment or musical instruments).

8. Will my child still be able to have their school dinner?

Yes, school lunches will be available and we encourage all Reception and KS1 children to have this as they are eligible for a free school meal each day. Older children may also be eligible for a Free School Meal. Packed lunches can also be brought in.

9. I have children in different year groups and the drop off times are a long way apart. Can I drop my other child early?

If your drop off/collection times are complicated, please telephone the school office and we will try to help.

10. Does my child need to wear their uniform?

Yes, uniform is expected although children may wear trainers during term 1. Children should wear dark grey/black tracksuit bottom or green P.E. shorts to school on their P.E. days.

11. What should my child bring to school each day?

A water bottle, reading book and coat (when needed) KS1 and year 3 children can bring book bags. Children should not bring back packs or other bags. Everything brought must be named. They will need a water bottle and lunch (unless having a free school packed lunch). They must not bring toys or any other items from home.

12. Will my child mix with lots of others?

No. Your child will only be with up to 30 others in their class. They will not mix with other groups during the school day. They will have the same adults working with the class each week.

13. Can my child wear a facemask?

No. In line with Government guidance for schools, 'face masks should not be worn...by those who may be unable to handle them as directed, as it may inadvertently increase the risk of transmission'. The use of face masks in educational settings is 'not recommended'. Therefore, these are not to be used in schools by children. Adults will not wear these either.

14. It sounds quite different to usual. Will it be scary for my child?

No. Once in school, children will adapt very quickly and enjoy being back with their classmates. They will be with by their own year group staff and will have lots of fun as they learn, just like normal. The year groups who have already been attending school have been very happy and the new arrangements have had minimal impact on their school day.

15. Will Breakfast Club and after school clubs still be running?

No, but we hope to restart these soon.