

Cassop Primary School and Nursery



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Dear Parents/Carers

School reopening: letter to parents (updated)

Further to our last letter we are continually reviewing our plans, risk assessments and numbers in school. Therefore next week (6th July and beyond) we will continue to offer places to the priority year groups (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6) from Monday to Thursday. We will also continue providing childcare for key workers Monday – Friday.

***Please note if your child is in a priority year group and you would like them to return to school we need advance notice in an email to p2362.admin@durhamlearning.net ***

Please note, in line with current government guidance we need to ensure we have adequate time to prepare for the safe return of children previously not in school therefore children in priority year groups will only be admitted to their bubbles on the Monday 6th July or Monday 13th July – we do not have the capacity to add to these groups midweek.

For parents returning their children we have created a detailed action plan, including:-

- Limiting class sizes – children will be in a ‘bubble’ of no more 15 children
 - Children will be reminded to follow current social distancing rules
 - Increased handwashing and hand sanitizer in every room
 - Shared resources and soft furnishings have been removed, or limited, in line with government guidelines
 - Use of shared areas will be restricted (in line with government advice)
 - Staggering break times, and pick-up and drop-off times
 - Increased cleaning
- Additional posters and reminders about handwashing and hygiene are displayed throughout school
- Keeping pupils and staff with coronavirus symptoms at home

If your child is either **clinically extremely vulnerable, clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable), or living with someone who is in this group**, they should follow the latest government / NHS advice.

I want to reassure you that we’re not going to be pressuring anyone to send their children to school – we will keep updating the online learning on our school website:

<http://www.cassop.durham.sch.uk/online-learning/>



We'd like to thank you for your continuous support in helping your child learn from home. Please do continue to stay in touch with us about how your child is getting on. The school office is now open every day - if you need to speak to someone please contact Mrs Atherton or Miss Dunn in the school office on 0191 3770293.

In the meantime, we know some employers will be encouraging you to return to work, but we're not in a position right now to extend places to other children at this point in time.

Timetable for WC 6th July and 13th July

Monday – Thursday / Nursery / Reception / Year 1 / Year 6 ONLY with allocated drop off and collection times:-

Drop off times	Year group	Collection times	Year group	<i>This staggered start and end to the day should ease any congestion and allow social distancing whilst also ensuring our handwashing facilities, do not become crowded.</i> <i>All drop offs and collections are at the front of school (as prior to closure)</i>
8:50 – 9:10am	Nursery / Reception	2:45 – 3pm	Nursery / Reception	
9:15 – 9:30am	Year 1	3:00 – 3:15pm	Year 1	
9:30 – 9:45am	Year 6	3:30 – 3:45pm	Year 6	
9:00 – 9:15am	Key worker group	3:15 – 3:30pm	Key worker group	

Please note school will be closed on Friday 10th July and Fri 17th July for deep cleaning to all priority year groups except the key worker group

We have been reminded, by the government, to ask you to walk to and from school wherever possible, with only **one parent** (or adult from your support bubble if you are a lone parent) and respecting social distancing. The extended drop off and collection should help to reduce any congregating at the school gate.

Please also note that no parents will be admitted into the school building – Mrs Atherton and Miss Dunn will be available via telephone should you need to speak to someone. Any money ie. dinner money can be handed over at the school gate although we are trying to limit this and use a ParentPay where possible. **The only exception to this would be medicine that needs handing into the school office and the relevant forms completing.**

There will also be **no breakfast club or after school clubs** as children have to remain in groups of no more than 15 (bubbles) throughout the day and these bubbles cannot mix. As the children will remain in their small group (or bubble) throughout the day – they may therefore be taught by any member of staff, not necessarily their class teacher, again, in line with government advice.

Personal protective equipment (PPE) will not be worn in school, as directed by the government, unless someone shows signs of COVID-19.



In line with control measures from government guidance:

Should a pupil display symptoms of COVID-19 they will be isolated immediately and sent home. They will need to self-isolate for 14 days or until tested negative. If a child or adult shows symptoms **And** tests positive for COVID –19 then the whole group that the child was in must be sent home and they must self-isolate for 14 days.

Children will be expected to **wear school uniform** and this should be removed when they return home and washed before the next day.

In line with government advice equipment in school will be restricted and soft furnishings removed where possible. Children must not bring anything from home other than a packed lunch (if they usually have a packed lunch) and their school water bottle, which will remain in school. School dinners will still be available for those usually taking a school dinner.

End of term

The last day of term is Friday 17th July, however in line with our cleaning plans, the last of school for children will be Thursday 16th July. Reports will be available for collection from school (9am – 3:30pm) on:-

Monday 13th July – Mrs Stott’s class and Mrs Robson’s class

Tuesday 14th July – Mrs Metcalfe’s class and Mrs Fawcett’s class

Wednesday 15th July – Mrs Dixon’s class and Mrs Jackson’s class

If you could please enter via the black gate at the front of school and make your way towards the dining hall – a member of staff will be there to hand over your report.

At the time of writing plans for September have not been confirmed – once these are confirmed by the Department for Education we will write to you. Please be assured we are continually reviewing our plans and risk assessments as well as following updated advice from the DfE and local authority.

Yours faithfully



Ms V Hewison
Headteacher

