

Cassop Primary School and Nursery



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Dear Parents/Carers

As we move towards the end of our first half term I would like to thank everyone for their support and patience over the last few weeks. We have had to implement new systems throughout the school and our pupils have taken all the new procedures in their stride. We are incredibly proud of them!

I had hoped that as we approached the October half term we would be able to ease some of our current restrictions however that is not looking likely. Therefore, we will be continuing next half term as we have done this half term with our staggered start and end times, separate break times and unfortunately no before or after school provision. The safety of our community is paramount and if we were to have a positive case in school the smaller the 'bubble' affected then the lower the numbers this will impact on.

As you know we are continually reviewing our systems in place and although the staggered times are helping to ease numbers at the start and end of the day we are concerned about the impact this may have on siblings collected early on a daily basis. As you will appreciate if your child is leaving 15 minutes early every day they are missing over an hour of school per week – this equates to over a day per half term. As a short term measure this was unavoidable however after half term we would ask that you **collect your children within their allocated time slot** (see below):

Class	Drop off time	Location	Collection time	Location
Class 1 (Mrs Stott) : Nursery / Reception	8:45am – 8:55am	Nursery / KS 1 gate	2:45pm – 3:00pm	Classroom door
Class 2 (Mrs Robson) : Year 1	8:55am – 9:05am	Nursery / KS 1 gate	3:00pm – 3:15pm	Front of school middle gate (as previously)
Class 3 (Mrs Metcalfe) : Year 2	8:50am – 9:00am	Pedestrian gate by the car park (children to walk around to classroom door)	3:00pm – 3:15pm	Pedestrian gate by the car park



Class 4 (Mrs Fawcett) : Year 3 / 4	8:50am – 9:00am	Pedestrian gate by the car park (children to walk around to the main entrance)	3:15pm – 3:30pm	Front of school middle gate (as previously)
Class 5 (Ms Scott) : Year 4 / 5	8:50am – 9:00am	Front middle gate then turn right to the classroom door	3:15pm – 3:30pm	Classroom door then out of school via the front middle gate (as previously)
Class 6 (Mrs Jackson): Year 5 / 6	8:50am – 9:00am	Pedestrian gate by the car park (children to walk around to classroom door)	3:15pm – 3:30pm	Pedestrian gate by the car park

Therefore, if you have siblings in Key Stage 1 and Key stage 2 please can you aim for the 'overlap' collection time of 3:15pm. If you have siblings in Nursery there should only be a 15 minute wait between 3pm and 3:15pm – however if you need to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact school.

In order to help with social distancing, please remember that pupils and/or their parents without siblings must leave the school gate at the end of the day immediately and must not gather with other families, thank you.

Our current local Covid alert level is high (Tier 2)

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-covid-alert-levels-what-you-need-to-know>

North East Regional Covid-19 Tier-2 Restrictions

These are the restrictions that now apply across County Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, South Tyneside, Northumberland, North Tyneside and Sunderland.

Enforced restrictions in place

Social & family gatherings at home

Not permitted

Fines in place

Social & family gatherings outdoors

Rule of six outdoors with social distancing in place.



Indoor venues including pubs and restaurants

Only with people from your household or support bubble

Hospitality

Table service only

Face coverings to be worn unless seated

Closed 10pm - 5am

Takeaways

Closed 10pm - 5am

10pm to 5am delivery
service only

Limitations / restrictions in place

Public Transport

Use only if essential

Mandatory face coverings

Walk or cycle if possible

Informal childcare with family or friends

You can link with one other household so that parents of children under 14 can work

Childcare - Separated parents

Children of separated parents can continue to move between households

Sporting events

No spectating

including professional or semi-professional sports

Leisure centres, gyms and pools

Open

Check with venue for any restrictions



Organised sport / licenced physical activity

Allowed outdoors.

Indoor activity must follow social distancing.

Long-term residential care venues

Visits suspended apart from critical or compassionate grounds

Weddings

Limited to 15 guests

Funerals

Check with your funeral director for restrictions on numbers

Workplace

Work from home where possible. Travel in and out of the affected areas for work is permitted

Over 70s and medically vulnerable

Shielding not in place

Limit your social contact to reduce your risk

Hospital visits

Check with your local hospital

Holidays

Only with people from your household or support bubble

Some changes in operation apply

Schools, early learning and childcare services

Open with Covid plan

Face coverings for Year 7+ in all communal areas

Education

Schools and FE colleges open with Covid plan.

Restrictions for Universities



Indoor Cultural Venues - Museums, galleries, etc.

Check with venue

Safety measures in place

Mandatory face coverings

Religious venues

Open for services and prayers

Work inside homes

Permitted with safety measures

Retail & close contact services - Hairdressers, salons, etc.

Open

Safety measures in place

Mandatory face coverings

Information source:

<http://durham.gov.uk/article/24320/Guide-to-Covid19-restrictions>

We will share with you any further information as we receive it.

We look forward to seeing you all after half term – please note our first day back is Monday 2 November.

As always, your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully



Ms V Hewison
Headteacher

