



# DUNNINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back everyone!!

It has been fantastic to see everyone again and, from our perspective, term seems to have started very smoothly. The children seem genuinely pleased, perhaps even excited, to be back and are settling well into new routines, responding confidently to the range of safety measures in place. I'm really grateful to our staff for their hard-work, patience, flexibility and positivity over the past week to ensure such an encouraging return for our children.

I would also like to extend my thanks to our parents and carers too. School drop offs and collections have been as smooth as we could have hoped for, with most family groups walking to school, arriving punctually and respecting social distancing, especially around the school gates which will inevitably be 'pinch-points'. We appreciate that some families have 'gaps' between drop-offs for each of their children and are grateful for their creativity in filling the time without causing congestion on the pathways around the school. Some families have gone for a short walk around the village and some have distanced themselves under the trees, well away from the drop off points, to ensure they are not arriving too early. Please ensure your children remain close by you at all times -all of these measures help us to maintain the integrity of our bubbles in school.

Our risk assessment and procedures are continuously under review and staff debrief daily to share how each day has unfolded for their bubble. We have already found creative ways of speeding up the handwashing procedures and are encouraging children, wherever possible, to visit the toilet during their break times, to increase our somewhat 'squeezed' curriculum time.

## From Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020

- All children will bring their water bottles home each evening. Please could you wash, refill with water and return them each morning.
- All Reception children will arrive together at the earlier start time of 9:05am. We are incredibly proud of the way they have all settled in and how efficient they have become with their early morning routines in just three day- brilliant!!
- **Children in all year groups should continue to be delivered to their teachers, in the relevant playground, each morning.**
- Children in Y5 and Y6 will be allowed **to walk home** without adult supervision, if their parents wish. Please email your child's class teacher or the school office to inform us of your decision. Children will be expected to leave the school site promptly and walk directly home. We will monitor the situation to ensure that the integrity of our bubbles is not compromised. If there are any concerns, we will discuss these directly with parents and may ask that collection from staff is resumed.

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- Children in Year 4 will continue to be collected from the KS2 playground at the end of each day.
- Children in Year 3 will be dismissed from the KS2 exit near the bike shed. Please could we ask that parents stand well back and well-spaced from the entrance to make it easier for staff to spot you.

### **Attendance at School**

Attendance for all pupils is mandatory from the beginning of the Autumn term, including for pupils who have, so far, been advised to shield at home. Whilst regular attendance at school is very important, if a child is unwell at school, we will need to ask for parents to collect them.

Pupils who are self-isolating due to presenting with symptoms of coronavirus, or have been exposed to somebody presenting with symptoms of coronavirus, must not attend school until the self-isolation period has passed or they test negative for coronavirus.

If your child presents with coronavirus symptoms, the self-isolation period **is now 10 days**; if a member of your household presents with coronavirus symptoms, the self-isolation period for your child **is 14 days**.

Pupils who cannot attend school due to sickness or self-isolation requirements will be educated remotely. If this circumstance arises, the school will discuss with you how your child can access remote education.

Staff and parents must understand that they will need to be ready and willing to self-isolate if they have been in close contact with someone with coronavirus symptoms or someone who tests positive for coronavirus.

Please follow the link for further details.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

### **Measles, Chicken Pox and Shingles**

Please may we ask for your cooperation in a vitally important matter? One of our pupils is receiving medical treatment which means that their immune system is suppressed. This puts the pupil at serious risk if exposed to measles, chicken pox or shingles.

The best way to protect a pupil from measles is for all pupils to be immunised against measles. Please discuss measles immunisation with your GP if your child is not already vaccinated. If you suspect your child has measles, please let the school know immediately.

Our pupil is also at risk from chicken pox and would need to be given an injection within three days of contact. Please let us know immediately if you suspect that your child has chicken pox. It is also very important that you let us know if anyone in your household has shingles.

Your own child is not at any risk whatsoever from this situation. However, the health and well-being of our pupil who has a suppressed immune system may be at serious risk. We depend on the cooperation of all our parents and know we can rely on you help.

Thank you, once again, for your support and cooperation during this unusual times I hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you again on Monday.

With very best wishes,

Caroline Hancy



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