



Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2021

## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS REGARDING RETURN OF ALL PUPILS

### ON THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021

Dear Parents,

We will be delighted to welcome all pupils back to school on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

We have provided information below to clarify the organisation of the school day now that most Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted. In making these plans, the safety of the staff and children has been at the forefront of our thinking.

#### **Bubbles are removed**

The children will be in their new classes as we shared with you in your child's annual report in July. We will no longer organise the school into three bubbles. However, if Covid-19 cases rise significantly the Government may advise us to revert to an earlier risk assessment which could mean reinstating the bubble system for a temporary period, to reduce mixing between groups.

#### **Times of the school day**

The start and end of the school day will return to our usual timings for everyone:

**Start at 8:55am and finish at 3:15pm.**

#### **Drop off and collection**

Parents and children will be able to use any of the entry and exit gates to access the school site.

However, in a morning we will maintain the one-way system if using the back gate near Chirpy's, and ask parents to exit via any of the front gates, (including the large double gates) to avoid congestion around the path to Chirpy's when the pre-school children are also arriving.

#### Rowan and Oak classes

The class teacher will meet the children outside their classroom doors.

#### Ash and Willow

Drop off - children to enter the KS 2 playground via any gate and join their class line at the front of the school where their teachers will meet them. Staff will be on the playground from 8.50am and children will be escorted into school at 8.55am. Children will not be supervised by school staff before 8.50am.

Collection – Ash will be dismissed from the main front door by the office. Willow class will be dismissed from the double doors in the KS playground.

## Maple and Sycamore

Children enter the KS2 playground via any gate and line up outside their classroom door where their teachers will meet them and escort them into the classroom at 8.55am. They will also be dismissed from their classroom doors.

*In line with Government guidelines, face masks will be optional for parents whilst on the school site.*

### In the classroom

- **Enhanced cleaning** - every classroom will be cleaned during lunchtime whilst children are out at play.
- **Hand hygiene** - frequent hand washing/sanitising will still be expected for all staff and pupils throughout the day.
- **Ventilation** – all areas of the school will be kept well ventilated throughout the school day – whilst maintaining a comfortable teaching environment.
- Whole school assemblies will be reinstated.

### Breaktime

- We will revert to KS1 (Rowan, Oak and Ash) and KS2 (Willow, Maple and Sycamore) playing together at playtimes and lunchtimes.
- KS 2 children who have younger siblings in Rowan class will be allowed to go and see their siblings from time to time in the KS1 playground if they wish to do so.
- Each class has their allocated toilets and these will be cleaned during the day.
- Older children will take up roles as “Sports Crew” and “Playtime Buddies” once again.

### Lunchtime

- We will revert back to two sittings at lunchtime. 12.00 for KS1 and 12.30 for KS2.
- Older children will be able to take on the role of “servers” again at lunchtime to help the younger children.
- Hot school lunches and a selection of sandwiches and cold food will be provided every day providing that you have ordered via Wisepay. Orders must be placed by midnight on a Wednesday for the following week.
- Children can bring in packed lunches if they wish.
- Communal areas, including toilets, will be cleaned during and after lunchtime.

### Uniform/Equipment

- Children will need to wear school uniform unless it is their P.E. day where they will come to school wearing their P.E. kit. *New school ties have been provided for every KS2 child.*
- **P.E. days** – Rowan – Fridays    Oak - Wednesdays    Ash – Mondays and Wednesdays  
Willow – Mondays and Thursdays    Maple - Tuesdays and Thursdays  
Sycamore – Mondays and Tuesdays
- Children in Rowan and Oak will have Forest School (Oak on Thursdays and Rowan on Fridays) on alternate weeks and will need to come to school wearing their forest kit as appropriate.
- Children will be permitted to bring items from home into school, such as a water bottles, book bags, rucksacks.
- **Reading record books will be expected to be in school everyday** so that we can track children’s reading at home and in school.

### After school clubs

We will reinstate a range of extra-curricular after school clubs now that our bubbles are not required. Full details will be sent out in September.

### Wrap Around care

Breakfast and after school clubs will run from 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Breakfast club runs from 8.00am to 8.55am and after school club from 3.15-6.00pm.

To book places please contact Megan on 07565 605067 or email [megan.buchanan@corby.gov.uk](mailto:megan.buchanan@corby.gov.uk).

### Public Health advice on Covid-19

From August 16<sup>th</sup> 2021, children under 18 will not be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive case. Instead children will be advised by NHS Test and Trace to take a PCR test.

Children and staff should not come to school if they have any Covid-19 symptoms or have had a positive test result.

If anyone develops Covid-19 symptoms whilst at school they will be sent home immediately and asked to take a PCR test and follow public health advice.

If any child is self-isolating then we will provide high quality remote education which reflects the learning going on in the classroom.

This Step 4 guidance marks a new phase in the Government's response to the pandemic and we hope that these measures will enable us to minimise the disruption to children's education next year.

We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 8.55am.

Please contact the school for clarification of any of the above.

Email: [office@grettonprimary.org](mailto:office@grettonprimary.org)

Yours sincerely,



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