

SHINCLIFFE C. of E. (CONTROLLED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I hope you continue to keep well and are enjoying a restful summer period.

Having continued our preparations over the summer, we are very much looking forward to welcoming all of the children back on Wednesday 2nd September.

Below are further details and some reminders of our plans for the full reopening of school.

In order to reduce the risk of coronavirus spreading in the school setting, we will be implementing a number of protective measures which are detailed below. The safety of pupils, staff and families remains paramount. School will look and feel different to usual as we implement the Government's recommended measures in order to reduce the risk of the virus spreading.

Infection Control

- Children will be grouped into year group class bubbles of 30 with contact avoided between groups.
- In order to minimise contact with people who are unwell, anyone with coronavirus symptoms or has someone in their house with symptoms, must not attend school.
- A regular regime of hand cleansing will be in place. Please also ensure that your children wash their hands when arriving home.
- Good respiratory hygiene will be promoted using the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.
- Enhanced cleaning regimes will be in place.
- Contact between individuals will be minimised and social distancing will be maintained where possible.
- Within the classrooms, layouts will be changed so that children sit in rows and face forwards from Y1 onwards where possible.

- Bubbles will be kept apart with staggered and separate breaks and lunchtimes and there will be no large gatherings e.g. Collective Worship.
- There will be staggered starts and departure times for children, to alleviate congestion at these times and to allow for safe entry and exit to the building whilst avoiding the mixing of bubble groups.

Arrival and departure times will be as follows:

Year Group	Arrival Time	Departure Time
Year 6, Year 2 and Year 3	8:40am-8:45am	3:00pm-3:05pm
Year 5, Year 1 and Year 4	8:50am-8:55am	3:10pm-3:15pm
Reception	9:00am-9:05am	3:20pm- 3:25pm

Infant children will access the school building via the KS1 entrance, Y5 and Y6 via the usual route through the school playground and Y3 and Y4 by the gate at the rear of the carpark. The carpark will be closed from 8:30am each morning to facilitate access. Parents and children must continue to access the school using the usual pedestrian entrances and Y3 and Y4 children will then need to walk through the carpark to access their gate. Staff will supervise this access. Parents should not access the carpark area. Nobody must access the school site using the rear carpark gates.

Parents must adhere strictly to these times. Please do not arrive on the school site before the allotted arrival time. Please note that only one adult should accompany the children to the school gate. Those dropping off or collecting children must leave the school site immediately once they have dropped off or collected children. For parents who need to wait as they have children in multiple year groups, an area to wait will be available at the rear of the carpark.

Attendance

The Government are explicit that **attendance at school will be mandatory** from September. This means that children must attend school, unless they are complying with clinical or public health advice.

School Meals

The school kitchen will be fully open from the start of the school term, with meals provided for all who require them. Children may also bring in a packed lunch if preferred.

School Uniform

Our usual school uniform rules will apply from September and the Government is clear that uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often than usual, nor do they need to be cleaned using methods which are different from normal. On the days your child has PE, they should come dressed for this to avoid the need for changing clothes in school. You will be informed of these days, during the first week of term.

Behaviour

In order to implement the Government's measures, there will be very clear restrictions on movement around the school and new hygiene rules. All children will be expected to follow these rules, in order to safeguard the wellbeing of all. The Behaviour Appendix attached to this letter will explain the rules, which **must be followed**. We ask parents to reinforce these rules with your children before the September return.

What your child will need to bring

- pencil case with pencil, pen, ruler, pencil sharpener, rubber and coloured pencils (Y1-Y6 only) **This will remain in school for the week.**
- Coat
- Book Bag / School Bag
- A water bottle for use during the school day. This will be sanitised with antibacterial wipes/spray on arrival at school and I ask parents to ensure it is then cleaned thoroughly each evening.

Please don't send your child in to school with anything else. Please ensure that all items are labelled with your child's name.

Face Masks and Coverings

Government advice instructs schools that **face masks or coverings are not necessary in the primary school environment**. We therefore, ask that parents ensure that they have removed any face masks or coverings from their children before children enter the building.

Preparing your children

Parents will, no doubt, wish to discuss the full return with their children. We suggest you make use of the wellbeing resources available via the School Website

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we work together towards welcoming all children back into school. Like so many areas of life, school will look and feel a little different. Please be assured that we will do all we can, in spite of the restraints, to make it a pleasant learning environment in which all can experience 'life in all its fulness'.

For updates, please continue to use the dedicated Coronavirus section of the School Website: <http://www.shincliffe.durham.sch.uk/parents/coronavirus-update/>

Stay safe and stay well.

Yours sincerely

Mr Tait

Behaviour Policy

Shincliffe CE Primary School

Annex A: Behaviour principles for returning to school during COVID-19

Areas schools may wish to add to their behaviour policy are:

- We expect children to arrive and leave promptly in their designated time slot and follow social distancing routines for arrival and departure
- We expect children to following school instructions on hygiene, such as handwashing and sanitising
- Children will only socialise with pupils in their 'bubble group' at school
- We expect children to move around the school as per specific instructions (for example, one-way systems, out of bounds areas, queuing)
- We expect children to follow the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach when sneezing/coughing, with tissues provided, children will be expected to avoid touching mouth, nose and eyes with hands
- Children will be expected to tell an adult immediately if they are experiencing symptoms of coronavirus
- Children will play in their own 'bubble group' at breaks or play times with designated areas for play
- Children will only use the toilets when instructed by school staff
- We expect children to not cough or spit at or towards any other person
- We expect parents to support pupils at home about their child's conduct in relation to remote education and reinforcing online safety
- Children will receive rewards and sanctions as outlined in the main Behaviour Policy