

SHINCLIFFE C. of E. (CONTROLLED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I hope you continue to keep well.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all of the children back on Monday 8th March.

Below are further details 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. The measures are similar to those operating during the Autumn term.

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.
- Bubbles will be kept apart with staggered and separate breaks and lunchtimes and there will be no large gatherings.

- 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	8:55am-9:05am	3:15pm- 3:20pm

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. **We ask that all adults wear a face covering when accessing the school site.**

Attendance

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

School Meals

The school kitchen will operate as usual. Children may also bring in a packed lunch if preferred.

School Uniform

Our usual school uniform rules will apply. On the days your child has PE, they should come dressed for this to avoid the need for changing clothes in school. These days remain the same as in the Autumn term.

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 until Easter.**
- Coat
- Book Bag / School Bag
- A water bottle for use during the school day (Y1-Y6 only). 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.

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 DB Primary.

Thank you for your hard work and support during the period of partial closure and remote learning. Please be assured that we will continue to do all we can, in spite of the ongoing restraints, to make it a pleasant learning environment in which all can experience 'life in all its fulness'.

Stay safe and stay well.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Tait