



Cockton Hill Infants' School

"Creating Learners for Life."

Phased Return to School

As you know, since school closures on March 20th, we have continued to be open to children of key workers and provided Home Learning on-line for the rest of our children.

Following the Government announcement on 10th May our next challenge is to make suitable and reasonable adjustments to welcome back Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children with the possible return of year 2 before the end of term.

We are working on plans as to how we can do this; taking account of Government, Local Authority and Union advice.

Rest assured, we will only re-open when we have all 'measures' in place and then it will be a slow and gradual approach to ensure the utmost precautions are being taken for the safety of every member of our school community.

All measures that we are putting in place are compliant with Public Health England, Local Authority and Government advice to ensure safety.

- *Children will come to school and leave at staggered times. Only one parent should bring their child to school and social distancing must be observed whilst waiting in the playground to enter school. Children will be collected from the playground by staff.*
- *Children will be expected to wear school uniform. I appreciate that some children may have grown out of theirs by now but, as close as possible to what is the expectation would be greatly appreciated for H & S reasons. It is also recommended that children wear a clean set of clothes daily if possible to avoid contamination. If children wear sensible footwear i.e. trainers, all the time then it means that we can do physical activities whenever possible without the need for them to be bringing and getting changed into PE kit.*
- *Normal school meal arrangements will be in place. A meal will be provided by school unless your child usually brings a packed lunch - this must be in a plastic container which can be wiped down on arrival as well as their water bottle.*
- *Children do not need to bring a bag or any other equipment.*
- *Children will be asked to wash their hands on arrival at school and this will be done at regular intervals throughout the day. Handwashing and toilet times will be supervised.*
- *Social distancing will be in place for aspects of the school day where this is possible with young children.*
- *Playtimes and lunchtimes will be staggered. There will be no assemblies or collective gatherings for any activities.*
- *Children will be in small groups which we will call 'bubbles' –approximately 10-15 per group (depending on size of classroom)*
- *As far as possible children will not mix 'bubbles' and will be with the same members of staff.*
- *There will be limited access to resources and all tables, seating, resources etc will be regularly wiped down and cleaned.*

Thank you to all those who responded to our text indicating their initial thoughts on children returning to school and nursery. This has been helpful in us beginning to formulate a plan.

With the constant updating of the medical/scientific evidence and data, we are not asking parents to make a decision at this point in time. Telephone calls will be made to parents to ascertain their wishes prior to the phased return for their child's class. Children will need to attend the days they have been allocated – unfortunately there will be no picking and choosing of days due to contamination risks.

If over time parents change their mind and wish for their child to attend, then they can do so by letting us know the week prior to return. Please note that we will only accept new returns from a Monday.

The government has stated that parents will not be penalised for their child's non-attendance.

The plan for our phased re-opening is as follows:

Week beginning 1st June

1st June - School open for key worker children who have been previously accessing this provision.
PD day- classroom environments to be prepared for re-opening.

2nd June – daily onwards: continued opening for key worker children .

Telephone contact made with Reception class parents re: sending their child back to school.

3rd June - Phased return for reception children.

Telephone contact made with Nursery parents re: sending their child back to Nursery.

Week beginning 8th June

Phased return for Nursery children

Telephone contact made with Year 1 parents re: sending their child back to school.

Week beginning 15th June

Phased return of Year 1 children

Telephone contact made with Year 2 parents re: sending their child back to school.

Week beginning 22nd June

Phased return of Year 2 children.

**PLEASE NOTE – EVERY FRIDAY AFTERNOON THE SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR DEEP CLEAN –
(apart from key worker children)**

Obviously there is a lot of planning and preparation going into this and some of the stages are beyond our control. Therefore, all dates are provisional. We just wanted to let you know our intentions on the reopening of our school. The finer details of our plans will be communicated to you after half term. Teachers will continue to send home learning tasks for those children who are not in school.

We thank you for your continued support in these extraordinary times. We look forward to seeing you as we gradually return to a 'new normality' over the coming weeks.

Anne Graham

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Head teacher

Chair of Governing Body