

## **Information for Parents – March 8<sup>th</sup> Opening**

Please see below for important information you need to know for the full opening of Clifton Primary School on March 8th. Some of this information is the same as for our September opening but some – especially on the wearing of face coverings for parents – is new.

### **Class ‘bubbles’**

Children will be in their classes as normal but these classes will continue to be treated as bubbles and we will continue to restrict movement of these to minimise the chances of groups mixing or being together indoors. This means classes will have their own play spaces and their own assemblies.

### **School Dinners**

At the end of the autumn term, we confirmed a new set menu and asked parents to inform us whether their child would be having a school meal or bringing a packed lunch to school from January 2021. When school reopens on Monday, we will be following the meal preference that you gave. (If you have not already done so, please let the school office know by the end of this week.) We will also continue to serve meals in classrooms so that classes are not mixing in the dinner hall.

Please note that your child is no longer able to have a mixed meal pattern during the week. If you have said that your child is bringing a packed lunch then this needs to be for the whole week and vice versa. **If you would like to change your child’s meal preference then this can only happen at the beginning of a term, not at any other time and only if the school office is informed.**

If you pay for your child’s school meal, payment must be made a week in advance. If your child brings a packed lunch to school, this must be brought in by the child in the morning and not handed to the school office.

Thank you in advance for your support on this. The school’s set menu can be viewed on our website.

### **Timings for the day**

To help keep the class bubbles as separate as possible we will continue to stagger the start and finish times to maximise safety for everyone on site. The timings for your child’s class are on a separate document but will be the same as our September opening. As you know, we are able to use 8 gates and these will also be the same as September. Some key points for parents:

- Please do not arrive too early for your child’s class as this will mean we have a lot of parents waiting at the gates
- Please use the markings on the pavement whilst you are waiting so ensure social distancing as much as possible

**From March 8<sup>th</sup> we will be expecting all parent and carers to be wearing face coverings whilst waiting at the gates when bringing their child to school and collecting.**

School will continue to close on Tuesday afternoons. This has been working very well and parents are supportive of this – thank you for your understanding. As before, children will bring

packed lunches home with them. If you are a single working parent or both parents are working and you are unable to organise childcare please contact us through the school office.

#### Coronavirus symptoms

**If anyone in your household is showing symptoms of coronavirus or waiting for a test result, you must not send your child into school.**

If your child develops symptoms during the day, we will contact you to come and collect them and any siblings. We will recommend that you and your family get a Covid test immediately.

When you get a test result back please inform the school office straightaway. If it is negative, we need to know before your child returns.

#### Hygiene

We will continue to have a rigorous approach to handwashing and hygiene. There will be numerous hand sanitiser stations across the school site.

**Your child will be expected to wash or sanitise their hands at various times during the day.**

All toilets will undergo additional cleaning during the day as well as at the end of the day. All touch points such as door handles are sanitised during the day.

#### Uniform

We will expect all pupils to be wearing their uniforms when they return to school on March 8th. This includes a white or red t-shirt or polo shirt for PE.

#### Attendance

**On March 8th, all pupils are expected to return to school and attendance will be mandatory from this date.**

Therefore, the usual rules on school attendance apply, including:

- parents' duty to secure their child's regular attendance at school
- the school's ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with the local authority's codes of conduct

As stated above, attendance from this date will be mandatory unless your child is in the extremely clinically vulnerable group or is following clinical and/or public health advice. This means that school will have a duty to follow up on all absences and all elements of our attendance procedures.

School will continue to provide remote education to pupils who are unable to attend school because they are following government guidance on self-isolation.

If your child is absent for any reason, please contact school before 8.30am.

#### Behaviour

The safety of everyone is of the utmost importance. We will continue to make sure that pupils' behaviour is at the very top of our priorities as we all come back to school in March. You can see our behaviour policy and procedures on the 'key information' section of our website.