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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new term. We hope you had a happy and healthy summer break whether locally or around the country.

The teaching team have had a very productive couple of days focusing firstly on our Teaching and Learning Pedagogy and the Corsham Primary Team, and then today, discussing and implementing the latest developments in the teaching of phonics and reading across all primary ages. We have certainly returned to school with gusto and hope the children will do the same tomorrow.

Attached is a copy of our opening guidance, previously sent out at the end of July. There are no changes at this time but we thought this would be a helpful reminder before the whole school returns tomorrow.

We are delighted to be welcoming some new staff and children to the Pound Pill Corsham Primary family and looking forward to getting to know them over the coming days and weeks. Our 60 new Apples and Pears will be joining us gradually over the coming days. Years 1-6 will be back tomorrow to start the term ahead.

You will hopefully notice that we have had lots of jobs done over the summer from moss being cleared from the roof, our sheds receiving a fresh lick of paint, through to our wonderful new bike and scooter storage area near the wooden gates which are under construction, to give much needed extra space for all of the bikes and scooters which come to school every day.

You will no doubt be aware that there are lots of roadworks/temporary traffic lights around Corsham currently, and particularly at the entrance to school. This may affect your school run timings or ability to park on Pound Pill, so we kindly suggest that you may want to allow some extra time and ask that you park safely and considerately on neighbouring roads. As stated before the holiday, we can only allow parents to park on site who have a disabled badge or have discussed their need to park on school grounds with the school office in advance.

We are all very much looking forward to seeing all the fresh faces, shiny shoes and smart uniforms at 8.40am tomorrow! It is going to be delightful, once again, to hear a hubbub throughout the school!

Yours faithfully

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Corsham Primary School Plan for Opening in September 2021



We are looking forward to the new academic year and although government restrictions are lifting, it is clear that COVID-19 will be a feature of our lives for the foreseeable future.

Our priority has always been and will continue to be, the safety and wellbeing of the pupils and staff of Corsham Primary School. We will continue to risk assess any measures in place and will review them in accordance with the most up to date guidance. Working together to follow this guidance will help us all to stay safe and protect others by controlling the spread and reducing the chance of any further resurgence of the virus in the coming months.

Below are the details of how we are returning to a more 'normal' education provision at Corsham Primary – Pound Pill.

Dropping off and Picking up

We will no longer be operating staggered start and finish times but whilst the government state that we no longer need to stay 2 metres apart, we are kindly asking that parents continue to follow the existing one-way systems in order to facilitate movement around the school at the start and end of the day.

The requirement to wear face coverings in law has been lifted. However, the Government expects and recommends that people wear face coverings in crowded areas so some of our parents and staff may continue to choose to wear a face covering, even though guidance stipulates that this is no longer a requirement.

If we experience a local outbreak, then we may require you to wear masks during this period and will inform you of this.

School drop off: 8.40am for an 8.50am start

School finishes: 3.10pm

Increasingly, we are experiencing parents and carers driving onto our school site in the mornings and afternoons to drop off and collect their child/ren. Unfortunately, as you will be aware, space is at rather a premium and we do not have enough to accommodate staff (including nursery staff) and taxis.

In order to enable us to monitor the barrier effectively, we will no longer be allowing parents and carers through unless a prior arrangement has been made with the Head of School.

Parking is available on the Co-op site which is a very short walk away from school. Whilst this is currently not charged for, we will be issuing permits on a first come, first served basis in March 2022 for those who live more than 1 mile away from school and these will be effective should charging recommence at local car parks in due course.

Uniform

Children should continue to wear full school uniform and to bring PE kits in readiness for their PE lessons, remembering to include the outdoor kit. The children will also need to bring coats and a pair of outdoor shoes or wellington boots to access the field areas for play.

Our school's code of dress is as follows:

- Grey trousers or grey skirts
- Grey shorts or red/white striped or checked summer dresses
- Burgundy sweatshirt (with logo) or Burgundy cardigans (with logo)
- White polo shirts or white cotton shirts (long or short sleeves)
- Black shoes, sensible sandals (with socks), no colourful or white trainers to be worn as school shoes
- Jewellery – for safety, we ask that children only wear small stud earrings and no rings, necklaces or bracelets. Watches are allowed.*
- No extreme haircuts e.g. dyed hair, tramlines/train tracks, spiky hair

- **Indoor Games:** Plain white T-shirt or vest, plain black shorts, and plimsolls which do not mark the wooden floor.
- **Outdoor Games:** Plain white T-shirt with black track suit bottoms for cold weather and plimsolls or black/white trainers.

Please help us by ensuring that all items of your child's clothing are named and PE kits are sent into school in a named PE bag.

*We are seeing an increase in the number of smart watches being worn by children in school. While we recognise that these are popular, we do ask children to only use them as a watch. It can also be very upsetting for children if these go missing or get damaged. With this in mind, we would encourage an alternative to tell the time.

Children may also continue to bring in a school bag or book bag for their belongings if they wish. However, please do not bring any pencil cases as stationery will be provided in school.

Morning Playtime and Tuck

We continue to ask children to bring in their own labelled water bottle to sip throughout the day and at breaktime along with some healthy tuck, and ask that bottles and any containers are taken home and washed every day.

A healthy tuck for morning break could include:

- Types of plain biscuits, rice cakes, oat cakes, plain popcorn, breadsticks, crackers etc
- Any fresh or dried fruit/vegetables
- Any snacks which are real fruit/vegetable based – eg Fruit Winders, Bear Yo-Yos/claws etc.

We kindly ask that children do **not** bring in crisps or any food containing nuts or dairy products eg dippers, yoghurts etc. This is vital to protect our children with allergies. To avoid confusion please also avoid dairy free alternatives.

The National Fruit and Vegetable scheme will continue to provide daily fruit and vegetables for FS2 and KS1 children to have at playtime.

Lunchtimes

Apples, Pears and KS1 will be provided with a cooked lunch through Universal Free School Meal provision and we will continue to provide Free School Meals to any children entitled to them in Key Stage 2. Should you wish to purchase a hot dinner or school packed lunch for a child in KS2 we ask that parents and carers ensure that SchoolMoney accounts have sufficient funds.

Children may have a wider variety of food within their lunchboxes, including crisps and yoghurts although please remember that we are a nut free school. This includes avoiding nut derived products such as Nutella and Peanut Butter.

Curriculum

As always, we will continue to emphasise the social and emotional well-being of all our children while reintroducing them to the routines and learning behaviours of school.

We will also ensure that the curriculum continues to be broad and balanced, and focuses on developing strong skills and knowledge across all curriculum areas.

Hygiene Habits for Children and Adults in School

Children will be taught and frequently reminded of the following:

- following school instructions on hygiene, such as handwashing and sanitising
- allowing non-medicated hand cream for those who need it to be brought from home for personal use
- expectations about sneezing, coughing, tissues and disposal ('Catch it, Bin it, Kill it') and avoiding touching your mouth, nose and eyes with hands
- tell an adult if you are experiencing symptoms of Coronavirus

Effective Infection Protection and Control

In school, preventing the spread of Coronavirus involves dealing with direct transmission (for instance, when in close contact with those sneezing and coughing) and indirect transmission (via touching contaminated surfaces).

We will ensure:

- Robust cleaning systems
- Doors and windows will be open wherever possible to allow ventilation
- Regular washing of hands - washing hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and drying them thoroughly throughout the day at regular points.
- Ensuring good respiratory hygiene - promote the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' approach

What happens if someone becomes unwell at school?

Any pupil or adult showing coronavirus symptoms will be asked to return home and to contact NHS Test and Trace.

What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus in a school?

Government guidance states from 16 August 2021, children under the age of 18 years old will **no longer be required to self-isolate** if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case.

Instead, children will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and **advised to take a PCR test**. We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

We will continue to have a role in working with health protection teams in the case of a local outbreak and value your support with this.

Office

We request that parents and carers continue to communicate with us whenever questions arise. Please telephone or email the school office to arrange an appointment if needed.

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