



REDHILL PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parent and Carers of Miss Thompson's Class

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The Prime Minister announced yesterday (Monday 22 February) that the Government has set out its plan for the return of all pupils to schools and colleges, as part of the roadmap for leaving lockdown. I am pleased to confirm that all our pupils will return to face-to-face education on Monday 8 March 2021.

The senior leadership team have been working hard to consider potential risks and what action is needed to mitigate and reduce risks where possible with a larger number of children returning to school. These plans replicate our operating procedures from the Autumn Term.

Please find below measures we are putting in place. This is by no means an exhaustive list, but it provides you with an indication of some of the measures in place.

- Children will be in classes of 30, with a few exceptions of 31 in school. The children will spend their time in this group, with their key adults, the class teacher and teaching assistant/s. Children will operate in bubbles where possible, keeping separate from other children at break and lunchtimes. The outdoor area will be zoned for each group.
- Breakfast Club, Annexe and After School Clubs will open with measures in place to reduce the mixing of children in different key stages. We will mitigate the risk of mixing groups where possible, but we are not able to eradicate these risks entirely. We are also acutely aware that many parents rely on wrap around care and therefore, we want to be able to open this service to you.
- Children will be allocated stationary to use as their own, rather than sharing. The equipment will be on each child's allocated table.
- Limited items to be brought in from home to reduce risk. We are allowing **water bottles, packed lunch box** (unless having a school dinner), **reading book** and **reading diary** in a book bag (or brought in a polypocket if your child does not have a book bag) and **medication only**. Please place any messages you have for the class teacher in your child's reading record.
- Homework will be distributed via Microsoft Teams.
- Children will return in PE uniform only. Black joggers or leggings, PE t-shirt or plain white t-shirt, school black hoody or plain black hoody. Further communication in regard to our physical education programme will follow.
- Classrooms have been adapted to ensure high risk items that are difficult to clean are removed.
- Staggered start times, leaving times and all break times will be in place, to ensure we do not have large numbers of children or parents on site at any one time. We ask parents and children to **not arrive early or late** as we need to be strict with timings and avoid large gatherings. Please note the timings may vary for some classes to the timings operated last term due to the increase of children in school.

"What we instill in our children will be the foundations upon which they build their future" - A Valued Member of Redhill embodies this through our core values of respect, friendship, responsibility, empathy, honesty & independence.



- Children will be expected to walk from their entry point into their designated class base. Staff will be on hand to guide children. Entry and exit points will be staffed to ensure sensible queueing and no congregations of people. There will be specified entrance and exit points for class. **Children can enter the same gate as another sibling, even if that is not their designated entry point, unless the entry point is the main school gate, as we cannot allow children to walk through corridors. This scenario applies for the side gate by the school field and the Nursery gate. Staff will check you are entering through the correct gate.**
- Children will be supported by staff on entering the grounds to line up keeping social distancing where possible. On collection, parents will be asked to form an orderly queue outside their child's exit point, keeping social distancing. We do please ask that you do not congregate with other parents, particularly in they have children in different bubbles/class.
- We have identified pathways, with one-way systems through school to minimise contact.
- The number of children using the toilet facilities at one time will be limited. Toilets will be cleaned at regular intervals throughout the day.
- Increased time outdoors when learning wherever possible and windows to be open to promote ventilation.
- School dinner timings will be staggered to allow for smaller numbers of children sat eating together.
- Any messages for the school team will need to be communicated through the office via the telephone or email, to avoid having parents on site unnecessarily.
- Very regular handwashing throughout the day. Children will be required to wash their hands when they enter the building. We do not require that children to wear masks or gloves - this is in line with government guidance - **Coronavirus: implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings**. PPE will be used by staff who need to provide first aid or intimate care for a child.
- We have plenty of soap, disposable towels as well as sterilising fluid for regular resource cleaning.
- Outdoor after school clubs will reopen. Please see separate email.
- Primary school staff will continue to take two rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) tests each week at home to identify positive cases more quickly and break the chains of transmission.

Start time: 8.55am

Finish time: 3.10pm

Entrance: Main gate

Yours sincerely



Claire Whiting
Headteacher