



# Fishburn Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a lovely restful summer and we are really looking forward to welcoming all of the children back to school with us on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020**. School may be organised in a slightly different way, but many things will remain the same.

Fishburn will be following Government guidance to ensure that we keep our pupils, our staff and our families as safe as we possibly can.

Updated information will be available on our website as soon as school is open. This includes our comprehensive risk assessment which has been approved by our Senior Leaders in school as well as our Governing body. Please feel free to get in touch if you want to ask any questions about this. The following guidance should answer any questions you may have about our reopening so can I please ask that you read it carefully:

## COVID 19 Symptoms:

- No member of staff, child or visitor should come to school if they are displaying possible signs of Coronavirus or have tested positive for the virus in the last 7 days.
- Anyone who becomes unwell with a new continuous cough, high temperature or change in their sense of taste or smell will be sent home and asked to self-isolate for at least 7 days and to arrange a test for COVID 19.
- They will not be allowed to return to school during this period until negative test results have been obtained, this includes any siblings in other year groups.
- Any person who lives with someone who tests positive or has symptoms of coronavirus will need to self-isolate for a period of 14 days and will not be allowed to return to school during this time.
- We will follow our comprehensive risk assessment at all times with regards to any person being symptomatic on sight and will follow the strict protocol which was in place before the summer holidays.

## Hygiene and Hand Washing:

- We will continue to have additional measure in place to ensure that all staff and children frequently wash their hands with soap and water. This includes on entry to school, before they leave school site and at break and lunch times too.
- We will continue to have enhanced cleaning measures in place including ensuring work surfaces are regularly cleaned throughout the day and that resources are not shared outside of class bubbles unless they have been cleaned and put out of use for the recommended 72 hours quarantine time.



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## Personal Protective Equipment – Including the use of face masks:

- The majority of staff in school will not be required to wear PPE. It may be used by a staff member if a distance of 2m cannot be maintained when a child is unwell, administering first aid or to support routine medical needs. Children will not be permitted to wear face masks at any point on school site.

## Classes:

- In line with government guidance, we will be keeping children in bubbles of up to 30 pupils. The exception to this is Nursery and Reception, where both of these classes will be treated as one bubble, due to the open plan and shared nature of our EYFS unit.
- We will endeavour to keep staff in the same bubbles as much as is practically possible, in order to manage the school day effectively and ensure adequate support for the children. However, we will be continuing with PPA time on an afternoon as normal.
- Children will be encouraged to maintain a social distance when able to, but the Government have been clear that this is no longer a requirement in schools.
- Desks in all classes apart from EYFS have been arranged in rows, facing the front of the classroom as per guidance.
- PE will take place as normal in class bubbles, but the children will not get changed in school. On the days they have PE (Which will be communicated to you via class teachers shortly) Children will be permitted to attend school for the full day in their PE kits.
- Water bottles **MUST** be provided by you and clearly labelled. Children will need to bring one bag to school with them for reading books / packed lunch if appropriate. **NO** pencil cases etc will be permitted on site. This is to limit the amount of transition between home and school, which I am sure you can appreciate at this time.
- Children are **NOT** to bring their own hand sanitiser, we will be washing our hands frequently and have hand sanitiser dispensers in every classroom.

## Staggered start times and ends to days:

Class	Entrance and exit point	Start time	Break time	Lunch time	Finish time
<b>Little Explorers</b> (EYFS)	EYFS gate at the top of the KS1 playground	8:45	To be decided in the EYFS unit	12 - 1 Lunch will be provided and eaten in the EYFS unit.	3pm
<b>The Adventurers</b> (Year 1 / 2)	KS1 playground far left side	9am	KS1 Playground 10:15 – 10:30	12 - 1 Lunch will be in the hall until 12:25 when the children will move to the KS1 playground	3:15
<b>The Pioneers</b> (Year 2 / 3)	KS1 playground far right side	9am	KS1 Playground 10:30 – 10:45	12 - 1 Children will play outside before	3:15



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				moving into the hall at 12:30 for their lunch	
<b>The Pathfinders</b> (Year 3 / 4 / 5)	KS2 playground Nearest to the entrance door	9am	KS2 Playground 10:15 – 10:30	12 - 1 Children will have their lunch provided to their classroom and will move outside at 12:30	3:15
<b>The Trailblazers</b> (Year 5 / 6)	KS2 playground Nearest to the pirate ship	9am	KS2 Playground 10:30 – 10:45	12 - 1 Children will move outside at 12pm and then return to have their lunches provided in their classrooms at 12:30	3:15

In order to minimise contact between families we are asking that you stay in your designated drop off and pick up zones at a social distance from one another. As before the summer only **one adult** is to be on site when dropping off or collecting children. Please do not allow your children to use the adventure trails or the pirate ship at the start and end of the day.

We ask that you do not arrive on site more than 10 minutes before your child's start and end time. If you have children with different start times we respectfully request that you are patient and understand that by staggering these times we are doing our best to keep everyone as safe as possible. Please then leave our site promptly, once your child has been collected or handed over to you by their teacher.

## Wraparound Care:

- This is resuming as normal on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020. Please see Mrs Leddy if you wish to book your child a place in this provision. The children will be socially distanced during our wraparound care and so activities may be slightly different to before lockdown but we felt it was important to provide this service from the start of the term as I know how important it is to our families.

## Contact with school:

- All contact with school needs to be via telephone or email unless an appointment has been made. Please contact teachers via Class Dojo instead of speaking to them in person. Parents are reminded not to go to the school office unless by prior appointment.
- We know this is not Fishburn's usual way of operating as we pride ourselves on our open - door policy but for now these measures are in place to ensure everyone's safety.

## Curriculum:

- We are busy making plans to settle the children back into school life and ways to support both their well-being and their learning. We will have a focus on rebuilding relationships,



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readjusting to social interactions and getting to know their new class teachers at the start of the term. We will be looking at ways to ensure a 'catch up curriculum' and to support children with any worries they may have. Please be assured that we are putting the safety and welfare of our pupils, staff and families first. If any home circumstances have changed or there is anything you think school would benefit from knowing, please phone the school office at the start of term to speak to a member of staff.

I know that this is a lot of information to take in, so please do get in touch if there is anything at all you need clarifying. We are **SO** looking forward to welcoming everyone back for what we feel will be an exciting year at Fishburn.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

See you all soon,

Miss Ferguson.