



# Flanderwell Primary School

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*"Every child, every minute, every hope."*



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Dear parents and carers,

We do hope that you are all keeping well. We have missed having you all at school and part of our community and hope you have stayed safe.

## **The end of the school year and other updates:**

Hopefully you will all know by now when your child has been invited to come into school for their last morning with their class teacher. Please send your child with a drink/ water bottle. Messages informing you of when your child can attend have been sent on ClassDojo or, for those who have not registered yet, on the school website. We cannot urge you all enough to register for ClassDojo as soon as you can (we just have a few parents who have not yet done this), as it is a quick and easy way for us to communicate with you and for you to message teachers and leadership directly with any questions or concerns you have. We will be continuing with ClassDojo in the new school year.

## **ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES FOR PUPILS ATTENDING – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup>.**

FS1 – 9.00a.m. - 12.15 p.m. (main entrance gate)

FS2 – 8.55 a.m. – 2 p.m. (lower playground entrance gate)

Y1 and Y2 – 8.45 a.m. – 2.p.m.(lower playground entrance gate)

Y3 and Y4 – 8.50 a.m. – 2 p.m.(main entrance gate)

**Y5 – final day in school Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July. (Main entrance gate - join current Y5 groups on the upper playground).**

**All pupils staying for the afternoon, will need to bring a packed lunch.**

**We ask that bikes and scooters are not brought to school in the last week of term and in the first couple of weeks in September to allow us a smooth assembly in the mornings. We will let you know when this can resume.**

**Y6 (Wed) 8.50 a.m. – 2.15p.m. (main entrance gate)**

School will close to all pupils on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July or earlier, depending on the day your child will be attending during the same week. We would like in particular to say a fond farewell to our Y6 pupils and wish them all the best as they continue their journey to secondary school.

## **The new school year in September:**

School reopens for **all pupils** from September and the first day of term for pupils is Thursday 3rd September. Foundation Stage will have their own staggered start dates. We can't wait to have everyone back and have missed you all! As well as our new Foundation Stage pupils, we have several new starters across all year groups. We look forward to meeting them too, in September.

## **Entry and Exit in September:**

All children will be greeted at the school gates, by known staff, and will then join their teachers in class lines on either the lower or upper playgrounds. This system is working really well for the children currently in school and will be shared with pupils joining us on the last three days of the term. We will also share images of the layout on ClassDojo for all parents and carers.

CLASS	TIME	ENTRANCE
Foundation Stage 1 (Miss Downes)	8.50a.m.	Main entrance gate – escort to classroom on arrival.
Foundation Stage 2 (Mrs Coleman/Miss Leivers)	8.45 a.m.	Lower playground entrance gate – join class line on the <b>lower playground.</b>
Year 1 (Miss Dilley/Mrs Brock)	8.45 a.m.	Lower playground entrance gate- join class line on the <b>lower playground.</b>
Year 2 (Mrs Wain)	8.45 a.m.	Lower playground entrance gate - join class line on the <b>lower playground.</b>
Year 3 (Mrs Hales/Mrs Gardner)	8.45 a.m.	Lower playground entrance gate- join class line on the <b>lower playground.</b>
Year 4 (Mrs Slater/Mr Dawson)	8.50 a.m.	Main entrance gate - join class line on the <b>upper playground.</b>
Year 5 (Mrs Shepherd/Miss Knapp)	8.50 a.m.	Main entrance gate - join class line on the <b>upper playground.</b>
Year 6 (Mrs Albutt/Mrs Catto)	8.50 a.m.	Main entrance gate - join class line on the <b>upper playground.</b>

**School will close at 3p.m. for all pupils other than Foundation Stage 1. We will be using all our staff at the end of the day, initially, to allow for as smooth a departure as possible. We do not yet know what will be happening with regard to Wickersley Kids Club provision yet. The club staff are working hard to work a possible plan for September. We will keep you informed with any updates as we receive them. After school activity clubs will be on hold until guidance suggests we are safe to run these.**

Government guidance is now out to help us plan for a September start. We are ready to go. Below, we have listed some of the ways that we will be keeping everyone safe. School will feel different but within the safety of the classroom your child will have some sense of normality and routine – we know they are ready for that.

#### **How will we keep your child safe?**

<b>Classes</b>	The government has now said that we can return to full classes of around 30 from September. These classes will form a 'bubble' and will not mix with other bubbles in large group gatherings such as on the playground or in the hall for assembly. Within their class bubble, they do not need to social distance, although we will always reinforce that importance of this, particularly with junior children.
<b>Lessons</b>	<b>Online learning tasks set by class teachers will cease from the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020.</b> In this letter we will go on to explain how we will recover any learning that has been missed.
<b>Equipment</b>	Classrooms will be organised so that children sit side by side and facing the front rather than across from each other on a table. We will no longer need to separate tables two metres apart. We will be providing children with their own writing equipment in order to minimise contact and the sharing of resources. Children will need to have their <b>own water bottle</b> in school every day: please make sure they bring this. As always, please label your children's equipment wherever possible in order to minimise shared contact. Please do not let your children bring any equipment into school, other than book bags, a PE kit and a water bottle. They will need to bring their book bag every day and any books that have been used stay within the class bubble and are not to be used by children in the rest of school. When we will use shared resources such as PE equipment or science equipment, for example, we will be disinfecting it after a class bubble has used it.
<b>Social Distancing</b>	Children will be given regular reminders about social distancing and signage is in place, but social distancing cannot be guaranteed as children are children – we are glad the government guidance recognises that and understands that they will not need to social distance within their bubble. Staff continue to ensure they adhere to social distancing guidance when they are in contact with each other.
<b>Hygiene</b>	Children will be given very regular reminders and opportunities for handwashing. Children will be encouraged to wash their hands at regular intervals throughout the day.
<b>Cleaning</b>	Our cleaning staff are absolutely dedicated and are working continuously to ensure that the school is a safe environment in which to learn and work. Daily deep cleans take place at the end of each school day and all school staff have a cleaning routine to follow throughout the day on classroom surfaces (handles, equipment, etc) at very regular intervals.
<b>Breaks</b>	All breaks will be at staggered times and in different areas of the school grounds (weather permitting). Children will remain in their set 'bubbles' in order to minimise contact.

<b>Lunches and Lunchtimes</b>	<b>There will be no hot meals provided by Taylor Shaw</b> in the first half term, as we will need to organise for children to eat their lunches in the classroom. However, you will still need to book a packed lunch online (free for infants and those in receipt of free school meals) <b>or send your child with a packed lunch.</b>
<b>Illness</b>	Any child complaining of feeling ill or who has a temperature will be cared for following our usual procedure but will need to self-isolate in the office area and parents/ carers will be contacted to pick up as soon as possible in order to minimise contact with others. If your child or someone in your household is unwell or shows any of the symptoms of Coronavirus, then please <b>do not send them to school under any circumstances</b> in order to prevent the spread of the illness to other children and staff. In this instance, the child should be self-isolated wherever possible for 7 days and all fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days. <b>Please let us know urgently if this is the case</b> as <i>'where a child tests positive, the rest of the class/group should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that wider class/group do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.'</i> (DfE Guidance).
<b>Uniform</b>	Please send your child in <b>full Flanderwell uniform</b> as usual. Guidance says that you do not have to wash uniform any more frequently than you usually would.
<b>Attendance</b>	All children will need to return to school in September. We will be chatting to parents of any child who is categorised as extremely clinically vulnerable. Guidance says that it is now safe for your child to return if they are living with someone who is clinically vulnerable. Please do not book holidays for September. The start of term is going to be a huge transition for children, and they need to settle into new routines quickly. It is also the month when we will be finding out which children have gaps in learning and starting the work of catching up on that learning. If you go away on holiday in September, your child will be considerably disadvantaged.
<b>Access to school</b>	Only staff, children, specialist teachers such as music teachers will be allowed into school. You will need to drop your child off at the gate identified above and at the time mentioned and collect them from the same place. This will minimise the number of adults within the school grounds and keep our children safer. Staff will be at the school gates ready to collect children from you – please do not worry we will take care of them! Should you need to chat to us, please either phone school, message us on DOJO or email us and we will phone you back.

### **Recovery plans:**

We are parents too. We understand how difficult lockdown has been for parents, managing their own work alongside online learning, balancing concerns for the wellbeing of the child with their own guilt that they don't have capacity to support home schooling as much as they would like. We understand. You may be worried about how much learning your child has missed out on, but we want to reassure you that we have a plan. A good and well thought out plan. We have this covered.

We always publish our action plans on our school website for September, and when we do that this year, we will send you a link so you can view our plans for yourself. To summarise here, though, we have plans in place for the following:

- 1/ Recovery of the curriculum. We have identified which aspects of the curriculum would have been taught in summer term 2020 for all year groups and we have devised ways of recovering that throughout the year combined with 2020/21 teaching. We are not repeating a year but are being smart about how we bring match those objectives up to other things we will be teaching.
- 2/ Recovery for individual pupils. Nearly all pupils will catch up missed learning from the actions of 1/ above, recovery of the curriculum. Some pupils, however, may need more bespoke catch up throughout the year. We are planning very targeted support to any pupil who needs this from September.
- 3/ Recovery of the school community. We are acutely aware than transition back to school may be hard for some children, and we need to provide a safe place where they can reconnect with their friends and feel happy again.

We do hope that this letter has answered any questions you have about September, but please contact us if you have any concerns at all. We will keep you informed over the summer of any updates to our plans and any further guidance, as we receive it.

Thank you so much for your encouraging, kind words, your support at home with learning and for sharing this journey with us, in this strange and unsettling time.

Yours, with love,

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