



Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the announcement by the Prime Minister, schools will be opening to all pupils on the 8<sup>th</sup> March. We are delighted to welcome the children back and I want to provide you with the details about how Hurley Primary School will reopen in the safest possible way.

Although the risk from COVID-19 is reducing everyday due to the vaccination rollout, we will be returning to the wide range of measures we used before Christmas in order to protect your children, your families and our staff. We have and will continue to work hard to make Hurley Primary School a safe environment for everyone.

### **How we are keeping your child safe in school**

Your child will be in a bubble, which will be with ALL the children from their class.

Adults within that bubble will remain consistent and if other adults, such as PE coaches, are required to work with a bubble, they will follow strict procedures in order to protect themselves and others from any risk.

Your child's bubble will not mix with children (or adults where possible) from any other bubble at all during school hours. This will mean that we will be staggering lunch and break times and assigning zones where children can play with children from their own bubbles.

This also means that if there is an infection in one bubble, all of the other bubbles should remain protected.

Your child's bubble will have:

- specific arrival and departure times
- its own teacher(s) and teaching assistant(s)
- its own cleaning products
- its own break time and zone (where possible, games which minimize contact)
- its own lunch time (we will be providing hot lunches)

There will be procedures for children going to the toilets from different bubbles, much like we have running for the children in school at the moment.

In their class, children will:

- sit in rows facing forward to minimise fact-to-face contact
- have their own books, stationery and resources (please DO NOT send children with pencil cases)

We will be keeping your child's bubble as clean as possible by:

- emptying bins for tissues regularly throughout the day
- cleaning surfaces regularly throughout the day
- insisting on handwashing or sanitising regularly throughout the day
- undertaking a deeper clean at the end of every day
- not allowing staff or children from other bubbles into your child's bubble

Children in bubbles are not expected to socially distance. Where they are old enough, they will be asked to minimise physical contact, but they will not need to adhere to 1m or 2m guidance.

### **Arrival and departure – Please follow all signage displayed by the school**

Parents, it is vital that everyone maintains social distancing when travelling to and from school and when waiting to drop and collect your children.

The current one-way system will remain in place: please walk to the church car park via Heanley Lane and wait in the designated queuing area in the car park. Please observe 2m social distancing (marked out on the car park). It is then

vital that you do not linger after your child has entered the school site as this causes a jam near the alleyway which puts other people at risk. Members of staff will be there to greet your child and direct them to their classroom. Please leave via the alleyway, walking down past the Holly Bush pub. Please note: the CHURCH CAR PARK REMAINS CLOSED.

Parents are encouraged to walk their children to school whenever possible. Children must not be allowed to travel to or from school on their own and must walk and wait with their adult at all times (i.e. not with their friends or other families). Parents may use adults from their support bubble (please see government guidance to see if this applies to you) or childcare bubble to drop off/collect a child.

Any non-school age siblings should stand with you and maintain social distancing from other children and adults at all times.

These procedures will continue until the government changes the rules around social distancing at which point we will inform you of new arrangements.

### **Staggered arrivals / departure times**

To continue our successful arrival and departure process and ensure this runs as smoothly as possible with more children and parents, we have adapted our current a staggered arrival and departure timetable. Please note that for the first week, Reception's arrival and departure times will be different – please check your emails for further details.

Year group	Arrival	Departure	Classroom	Staff
Rec	8.40am	3.15pm	Reception	Miss Hickman, Karen, Louise
Y1	8.40am	3.15pm	Year 1	Mr Orchard, Carmen
Y2	8.40am	3.15pm	Year 2	Miss Shortman, Dawn
Y3	8.40am	3.15pm	Year 3	Miss Smith, Mrs Avery, Lisa
Y4	8.55am	3.25pm	Year 4	Miss Fletcher, Dena, Louise
Y5	8.55am	3.25pm	Year 5	Miss Slattery, Sue, Wendy
Y6	8.55am	3.25pm	Year 6	Mr Wiggin, Jane

If you have **children in multiple year groups**, please arrive at the EARLIER arrival slot and LATEST departure slot. All of your children will be dropped off and collected at this time. For example, a parent with children in Rec and Year 6, would drop both children off at 8.30am and collect them at 3.30pm. This arrangement is in place because the government have been very clear that no learning time should be lost due to staggered timetables.

When collecting children, please arrive at school at the time slot for their class and wait in the designated area on the church car park. Children will be brought out to you. It is imperative that parents follow the 2m distancing rule.

This timetable is provisional and if we need to alter times, we will inform you of the new times slots as early as possible.

**Strict adherence to arrival and departure times is necessary to reduce contact. Please do not arrive late or early, as this will cause too many people to be waiting and increase potential risk of infection.**

### **The School Day**

#### **Hygiene**

Upon entering school, all children and staff will wash/sanitise hands. Regular handwashing and santising will continue throughout the day. Regular cleaning of the classroom and toilets will also take place throughout the day

#### **Lunch and Snacks**

Hot meals cooked in our kitchen by Educaterers will be available. In order to safely provide children with a hot meal, we will be staggering lunchtimes and organising the school hall so children can eat their lunch in safety and then play in safety outdoors.

Children who wish to have packed lunches will need to bring their lunch in a normal lunchbox. Any food the children do not eat and any packaging, will go back into their lunchbox. Please ensure your child can open their own food packaging.

There will be no tuck shop, so please ensure that children bring **healthy tuck** (a cereal bar or piece of fruit only).

#### **Classrooms**

All classrooms will have soap and water as well as hand sanitiser available at all times. Children will be asked to wash hands/sanitise regularly following government advice. Chairs, tables, door handles and all equipment will be cleaned before school, at break, at lunchtime and after school as a minimum.

## **Equipment**

Children may bring a bag to school. Please try to keep these as small as possible – a book bag (or similar size) is ideal. Reading books will be sent home. These will be carefully wiped down in school when being returned from home.

The children will be given stationery in clear plastic pencil cases at school, which will be stored safely. Therefore, they will not need to bring a pencil case or any other stationery from home.

Lunchboxes and water bottles will also be brought to and from school. These must be washed/wiped down every night. All lunchboxes and water bottles must be clearly named. We will use permanent marker to name any items which are not named.

If coats or sun hats are needed, your child may bring these into school. If sun cream is required, it must be named and brought in a plastic bag to store inside their bag. Children will need to apply their own sun cream and we recommend that on warm days, you apply at home before the start of school.

## **Medication**

Children who need medicines will need to bring these in a clear plastic bag which has been named. Medicine will need to be passed on to an adult in class. Please provide written consent and instructions on dosage when bringing medicines to school. Inhalers may be kept by a child, where this is appropriate, or treated like other medicine. All other medicine will be stored in the classroom by the class teacher. Any medicines requiring refrigeration will be stored in the staffroom fridge, collected and taken to class for administration.

## **Curriculum**

The focus for the curriculum will be on covering missed content in English and maths and closing gaps in learning. We will endeavour to continue to provide a broad and balanced curriculum too and keep learning fun. We will also be focusing on children's wellbeing and socialisation.

## **Illness**

If your child shows COVID-19 symptoms, they will be isolated within school, you will be contacted and you must arrange immediate collection of your child. Everyone in your household will then need to self-isolate for 10 days. In this situation, you must arrange a test for your child. School will contact Public Health England. A child may return to their bubble with a negative test result, if they are feeling well enough to do so.

In the event of a positive COVID-19 result, the entire bubble (class) will be sent home and will need to self-isolate for 10 days, including siblings of any children testing positive. This minimises the risk of the infection spreading and protects others at school.

For other illnesses, children must remain off school until they are well. As Covid-19 can present with different symptoms in children, we would strongly advise that you book a test for your child if they are unwell, even if they do not display one of the main symptoms.

## **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

Current government advice states that primary-age children should not wear masks/PPE. Members of staff will wear face masks/shields when they are unable to work 2m apart from children and in common areas of the school.

## **Office**

To maintain children and staff safety, access to the school site will be strictly controlled. If you have an enquiry for school, contact the school office by phone or email (01827 872207 or [admin2032@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2032@welearn365.com)).

**Parents & Carers: How we need you to help us manage the risks and keep everyone safe**



No school if there are ANY COVID symptoms in your home



Keep a safe distance from other families whilst waiting at the start and end of the school day.



Be on time:  
this will reduce risk by keeping your child from mixing with other groups



Walk:  
this will avoid creating crowds trying to park cars near school.



Obey the special signs and markings around school.  
Doing this will keep all families safe.



Accompany your child:  
to ensure social distancing is maintained to and from school.

**We must work together to limit the virus and make school as safe a place as possible. This will only work if you keep your child safe when they are not at school. It is vital that current guidelines on social distancing are strictly adhered to at all times and that children and families follow ALL government rules outside of school.**

**Only together will we be able to reduce the risk and move towards the end of these restrictions.**

Thank you for your continued support.