



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2. We hope you have all enjoyed the half term break.

Thank you for your patience and support over the last term. It was a busy term with many new ways of working. Our plans set were based on guidance from the Department of Education, Government Guidance and Kent County Council, but have been adapted to reflect our school building and grounds. We will continue to follow this guidance ensuring the safety of the children and staff are priority.

This term we will be introducing some changes to our school routine in light of the Governments recent announcement of a lockdown from Thursday 5th November due to Covid-19. These are in addition to the systems established as set out in the letter dated 17.07.20:

- Children are being taught in sub-group bubbles but **we will be operating as one whole bubble** due to the crossover of staff, siblings and the size of the school.
- **We will be asking all adults to wear a mask or shield** on drop off and collection and to adhere to social distancing at all times.
- **We are asking parents not to wait at the gate or outside our neighbours' doors** when collecting. We will ask you to wait behind the signs, keeping a distance of 2 meters between yourself and other parents. This includes children.
- We are changing our staggered collection times:
 - Reception EYFS, Year 1 and 2 – Please collect promptly at 3.00pm
 - Year 3 and 4 – Please collect promptly at 3.10pm and younger sibling
 - Year 5 and 6 – Please collect promptly at 3.20pm and younger sibling.

We will not be allowing younger siblings to go before their older sibling from Thursday onwards. We need to reduce the 'gathering' at the school gate to keep us all safe.

- **We will not be sending reading books home.** Reading will be supported through Purple Mash homework that is set weekly by your class teacher.
- **Children do not need to bring in a bag from home.** All they need is a water bottle and a packed lunch if they are not a school dinner.
- **Children will not be able to bring in pencil cases, toys or other items in from home.**

We know that these may seem rather harsh but we have a duty to keep our children and staff safe. This is a very unprecedented time for us all.

For this to work can we please emphasise that if your child or any member of your household is displaying any of the coronavirus symptoms, they must not come onto the school site. If during the school day any child or member of staff starts to feel unwell they will be isolated and sent home immediately. We will also be asking you to commit to the NHS Test and Trace.

We also stress that although we will take every measure possible to ensure your child's safety we cannot guarantee to stop them being exposed to coronavirus.



Opening of Worth Primary School– Plan from 5th November 2020

Start of day arrangements

Drop off will be at the school gate.

- Please drop off between 8.45-9.00am
- The children will go straight into class.
- **Please observe social distancing at this time and wear a mask. Please do not wait at the gate.**
- A member of the Senior Leadership Team will be at the front of the school every morning to support.
- The school office will remain closed to parents. Please phone or email the school if you have a problem.
- There will be a drop box at the front gate for letters of correspondence and medicines.
- Please can we ask you to 'drop and go'. If you would like to chat to other parents please move away from the gate and pathway to an open area.

End of day arrangements

- We are staggering pick up time to make it less crowded for parents and have identified pickup points.
- Reception EYFS, Year 1 and 2 – Please collect promptly at 3.00pm.
- Year 3 and 4 – Please collect promptly at 3.10pm and younger sibling.
- Year 5 and 6 – Please collect promptly at 3.20pm and younger sibling.
- Yr 6 parents, if you are happy for your child to walk home alone please let us know.
- **Please observe social distancing at this time and wear a mask. Please do not wait at the gate.**
- The main school gate will be open and a member of the Senior Leadership Team will be there to assist.
- Again, please 'collect and go'.

Lunch and break time

- Hot school dinner will still be available if required.
- Children will need to bring in a named water bottle only – we will provide fruit for breaktime.

Uniform

Pupils are to wear uniform. To help limit the spread of any virus or germs, please ensure that uniform is clean. We would recommend that your child changes out of their uniform as soon as they get home at the end of the school day.

Tuesday will be our P.E day for the whole school. On this day please can your child come to school in sports clothing. They will be able to stay in these clothes all day and will not need to change.

I am sure many of you will have further questions and I am happy to answer these via email. If we have to make any changes to these plans we will aim to let you know as quickly as possible.

Please take care and stay safe.

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