

Ashwater Primary School

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Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

Full Opening to All Year Groups March 8th 2021

We are very much looking forward to having all the children back. Please see the attached information sheet with full details of safety measures, timings, clubs etc. It can also be viewed here: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/covid/> under the Risk Assessment and Action Plans section.

Fairtrade Fortnight

I hope the children learned a lot about Fairtrade last week and in our Fairtrade event. Well done to the children for listening so well and contributing to discussions. Having an interacting event via Zoom is challenging but everyone did very well.

Reading Week and World Book Day Thursday 4th March

This week we celebrate reading and books and focus on a theme of Cultural Britain.

Here is the plan for World Book Day Thursday 4th March

children are invited to dress as their favourite book character to school or Zoom lessons

10:30 am Federation World Book Day Assembly (via Zoom) we will be joined by Sameer Rahim, who is Books Editor for Prospect Magazine. Sameer will talk about his love of reading as a child. Here is some information about Sameer Rahim https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sameer_Rahim Sameer also happens to be my brother!

2:00 pm Miss Squire will also do a special live Zoom dance lesson, for the Federation, linked to our theme

Teachers will plan other books & reading related activities for the day.

Celebration Assembly

As it is the final week we will have a **Federation Celebration Assembly on Friday 5th March at 10:30 am.**

Comic Relief Friday 19th March

The theme this year is 'Funny is Power'. Children may come to school in mufti (non-uniform) or dress as a superhero for a donation of £1 to Comic Relief.

Well done everyone: parents, children and staff! Have a good last week before we return. We can't wait to have all the children back and I am sure some parents are feeling the same!

Mrs Ruh Alford

Executive Headteacher

Dates for your diary:

March

4th Reading Week and World Book Day

8th All children return to school

19th Comic Relief Day

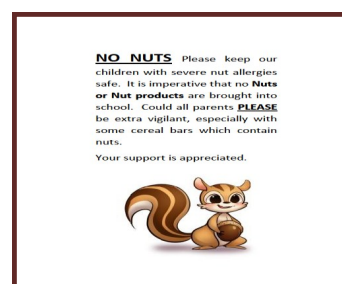
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1st Last Day of Spring Term

2nd Start of Easter Holidays

16th End of Easter Holidays

19th Start of Summer Term



Information for Full Opening 8th March 2021

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Here is an outline of the plan for full return of all pupils, based on current DfE guidance:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/964351/Schools_coronavirus_operational_guidance.pdf

A detailed risk assessment can be viewed on our website: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/covid/>

Should I send my child in to school from March 8th 2021

Yes! We will be very pleased to have children back. Return to school for school age children will be compulsory. Pre-School has remained open throughout Lockdown; from March 8th please continue to book your child's Pre-School place weekly on SchoolMoney.

However, DO NOT send your child to school AND SELF-ISOLATE if they or member of your household / support bubble / childcare bubble has symptoms of COVID-19 - the main symptoms are:

- a high temperature
- a new continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

If this is the case, parents and carers will need to book a test via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Please inform the school of the result whether it is positive or negative. If it is positive, you and your household must self-isolate for 10 days. The school will seek advice from the DfE and take a decision as to whether bubbles need to close.

Other reasons to self-isolate and keep your child at home are:

- If you are required to do so having recently travelled from certain other countries
- If your child has been advised to isolate by NHS test and trace or the PHE local health protection team, which is a legal obligation

If your child is not coming in to school, you must let us know via email or by telephoning the school in the morning.

What if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 while they are at school?

If children develop symptoms we may use a non-contact thermometer to test temperature. You will be called and asked to collect your child. An adult will supervise your child in the library. The doors will be opened and the area thoroughly cleaned afterwards. Please then, self-isolate as a household and arrange a test for your child.

Will Remote Learning continue?

Remote Learning will continue for children who are self-isolating but well and if there is a bubble closure. Please see our Remote Learning Policy: <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/halwillps/UploadedDocument/56109e9827ca4787b7b18c883d44fd4c/remote-learning-policy-sept-2020.pdf>

Will staff and pupils be tested for COVID-19?

Pupils will not be tested but all staff will have twice weekly Lateral Flow Device (LFD) testing. See information here: <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/halwillps/UploadedDocument/131ff5d557ad4932b56cf8611705c508/27.1.21-information-for-parents-re-covid-testing-for-staff.pdf>

What will happen at the start and end of the school day?

Please can all parents and carers wear a face-covering (unless exempt) and maintain social distancing, **please avoid congregating with other families.**

We will have a window at the start and end of the day. There will be a drop-off window 8:45 – 9:00 am and collection time 3:20 – 3:30pm.

For Pre-School pick-up remains 12:00pm on Monday, Thursday and Friday and 3:00 pm on Wednesday

We will be using the side gate entry. Please can parents wait in the car until the entry is clear. Please enter via the red side gate and wait on the grass area (by the dinosaur) until the path is clear to the magnetic gate. Please take your child to the magnetic gate and say goodbye. A member of staff will greet your child. Children will then make their way into school.

What should my child wear or bring to school?

Children should wear full school uniform, including school shoes.

We are allowed to fully resume the return of external staff so on PE days children should come to school in PE kit. Please note that PE kit is a white T-Shirt, dark shorts/tracksuit bottoms/leggings, red school jumper and trainers. Please encourage children to stick to this so they continue to look smart on days when they come to school in PE kit.

On Wild Tribe days, please can children bring in waterproofs to wear over school clothes and wellington boots. If they don't have waterproofs then some other long clothing to cover arms and legs (not jeans) should be sent in. Unfortunately, the Wild Tribe provider's risk assessment will not allow children to take part if they have bare arms or legs. In addition long hair must be tied up.

TUESDAY - Class 1&2 Gymnastics/Yoga– Children to **come in PE kits**

WEDNESDAY - Class 1 & 2 PE - **come in PE kits**

FRIDAY - **Class 2 will be doing Wild Tribe**

Class 1 will have Dance lessons so will come to school in **PE kits**. Both classes will also have French.

What will my child's class be like?

Where possible, tables will be forward facing at a 1m+ distance for school age children. Pre-school may work together at a table or work station; they will not be expected to social distance. For school age children, social distancing will be encouraged inside during individual activities but where play and learning activities would benefit from closer interaction between children for educational, social or emotional reasons, this will be allowed and mitigated by additional handwashing and sanitising.

Class 1 will be taught in the hall and use the SAMRT board to aid teaching. The Class 1 room will be used as the Foundation Stage Unit for floor play, to hear a story etc. Pre-school children may come into the hall when working at tables or for other activities.

Class 2 will be in their own classroom.

The school and pre-school are together regarded as one bubble.

Children will be provided with a tray of equipment: pencils, pens, colours etc. which will be cleaned down daily.

We intend to return to a full, broad and ambitious curriculum but some children who require catch-up work may come out of some lessons to enable this.

Will the children have assemblies?

Children will have a weekly Celebration Assembly and we will return to giving out certificates and publishing names in the newsletter.

What about break and lunch times?

As the school (including Pre-School) will be considered as one bubble, children will be able to play in the same space. Children will not be expected to social distance outside as the risk of transmission is lower and children need to play together for their mental well-being. Children will wash or sanitize their hands before eating and when they return from the playground.

We will resume cooking lunches at Halwill and these will be brought over to Ashwater. Children will eat at their own stations in their classroom (Class 2) or in the hall (Class 1).

Please also send in a water bottle with a lid that your child can easily open themselves. Children will not use the water coolers. An adult will pour water from a jug into the child's water bottle.

The 'Fruit for School' scheme will continue.

Which toilets will be used?

The toilets have been made unisex (and marked as such) to avoid crowding in a particular toilet. Urinals are taped off and boys will be asked to use cubicles. The main door will be propped open to allow supervision of handwashing and reduce touching of the main door.

How will hygiene be maintained?

Children will be asked to wash their hands on arrival and before leaving school and regularly during the day or offered hand sanitizer. **Please email if your child cannot use hand sanitizer.**

Children will be encouraged to cough or sneeze into a tissue and follow the 'Catch It, Bin It, Kill It' philosophy.

Work stations and equipment will be cleaned at the end of each day. Shared surfaces, e.g. door handles will be cleaned regularly during the day. A solution of a fluid called 'Invincible' will be used by staff and the caretaker. This is certified safe to use in schools but also proven to kill COVID-19.

Will Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) be worn?

These will be needed if a child begins showing symptoms or if intimate care is required e.g. cleaning after a wetting accident or a scraped knee etc. Disposable gloves will be worn for cleaning or if there is a need to physically touch a child. The gloves will be disposed and staff reminded to also wash their hands.

Face masks / visors will be worn by all adults in school when in a room with another person but may be removed when working with Early Years, including Pre-School children, if trying to develop language and communication.

Wrap Around Care

We understand that before school childcare is very important to enable parents to get back to work, however, given the circumstances providing breakfast may be problematic. Therefore, we will offer the Morning Health Club from 8:00 am, however, it will be for childcare only and **we will not provide breakfast**. If you would like to book a place, please do so via SchoolMoney for the slightly reduced price of £2.50. **Remember to please book by 3:00pm the previous day, at the latest.**

We will only offer after school clubs which will predominantly be outside, unless the weather is very poor.

Tuesdays, Di Stanbury (who currently teaches orienteering) will take Gym Club

Wednesdays, Multi-Sports with Budehaven

Please note there will be a fee of £1 per session for these. You must book in advance for the half-term via the office and the fee will be added to SchoolMoney. Unfortunately, we won't be able to offer a refund if sessions are missed. Both clubs run from 3:30 – 4:30 pm.