

## SCHOOL RE-OPENING UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families are well and are adjusting to the changes we have all had to endure.

As you are likely aware; the government has announced that schools should fully reopen from the start of the upcoming autumn term. They have decided this on the basis of:

- The prevalence of coronavirus decreasing
- The new NHS test and trace system being in place
- More clarity about the measures that need to be in place to create safe environments in schools
- Time out of school being detrimental to children's development
- The low risk to children of becoming severely ill from coronavirus

We are currently working hard to make the school a safe, enjoyable environment and are looking forward to welcoming all our students back on 2nd September. Attendance will be mandatory as the government expects all pupils to attend school.

The usual rules will apply, meaning we will be recording attendance and following up on any absences. If your children have been staying at home due to the current shielding guidance; the government is due to pause this guidance on 1 August, if there is a continued decline in coronavirus transmission rates. That means they should be able to come back to school in September. However, if you have received clinical or public health advice that your children should still remain at home, please let us know and continue to follow that guidance. We will be offering remote education to these pupils.

**Safety:** We would like to provide you with information about how we intend to minimise risk for both pupils and staff. Below are some of the proposals that we have drawn together to try to make Coppice as safe as possible when we do return. Guidelines and decisions are changing daily so we cannot be sure these plans will not have to change again, but we would obviously keep you all informed on any updates:

- Each classroom will have three familiar members of staff to limit movement. This will ensure breaks and dinners can be covered without anyone extra coming into the classroom, except where the class has a Midday Supervisor.
- The groups of children and the staff will not mix with any other bubble in school, except their own Key Stage bubbles.
- Extra cleaning will happen throughout the day.



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- Dinners will be given in the classrooms
- Halls and communal areas will not be used by multiple classes
- When leaving and entering the classrooms; classes will use outside doors, and not communal doors
- Wherever possible; doors will be propped open to reduce contact with door handles
- Each class will have their own resources
- Timetables for each class will include (at least) four handwashing times, a PSHE activity/lesson each day on hygiene and keeping safe/show timetabling of continuous cleaning within each class
- Students will be transported into school, in Key Stage bubbles. Therefore, their bus runs will be different to what they were pre-Covid 19. You will be informed of the approximate bus times in due course.

If you have any questions or concerns about the points we have set out above, please contact Linda, Mark or Tracey and we will try our best to answer any queries you may have.

We are extremely grateful for all the support we have received so far from the school community. We will continue to keep in touch if there are any updates to our plans or if we need to make changes due to new or updated government advice.

We are incredibly proud of our families, and how you have welcomed staff into your lives throughout this difficult time. Thank you all so much.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful summer. Enjoy, take care and please **Stay Safe**.

Kindest regards,

Linda

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