

Thursday, 20th August

Dear Parents/Carers,

The school will reopen on Thursday, September 3rd 2020 for all children. The school alongside DCC have interpreted the government guidance to minimise the impact of all the children being in school at the same time. We believe that the school staff team are ready to welcome back your children in to as safe an environment as we can make it balanced against your children's social and emotional needs.

- We will stagger drop off and collection times by class so that the entrances/exits to school are not crowded. Children will be collected from the playground wherever possible. Parents will not be able to come in to school for Reception children through to Year 6.
- Lunch and break times will also be staggered through the day.
- We will be providing lunches in school with the intent on all children having access to regular hot meals. This will be monitored closely, however, to ensure the system works. Packed Lunches are fine and can now be in a lunchbox as before.
- We will minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (covid-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend settings. We will engage with the Track and Trace procedures and Public Health advice.
- All children will follow regular, structured handwashing routines with the additional provision of sanitiser if required.
- We will be following the government guidelines with regard to additional cleaning throughout the day at the same high level we have been following since June 1st.
- All rooms will be well ventilated
- Sharing of equipment use will be minimised where possible. Equipment used by different classes will be cleaned before reuse.
- Movement around school will be minimised and timings staggered wherever possible.
- Classes will operate as 'bubbles' with another class during outside play and lunchtime to ensure a balance between minimising contact and providing social opportunities.
- Where specialist teaching of specific year groups is required we will minimise movement around school, etc. – this will be the case for Y3/4/5 maths, Y4 and Y5 music and in the medium term for Y5 when swimming potentially restarts.

Large Gatherings and Events

There will be no large gatherings due to the increased transmission risk involved. This means that:

- All assemblies will be held in class
- There will be no Harvest Festival in the Church in October
- There will be no Christmas Concerts/Events this year.

We are planning for July concerts for KS1, KS2 and possibly EYFS when hopefully we will be able to be together again.

Curriculum

Our first few weeks will focus on getting the children used to being in school, playing with their friends again and feeling good about life back in school. Once settled we will be able to then focus the children on the process of learning again.

We will be providing a full and balanced curriculum for your children, not a slimmed down English and Mathematics only curriculum. Without motivation and interest children will not learn.

We will be 'baselining' the children after a few weeks and use this as evidence towards any support programmes we may need to use for pupils and groups of pupils using the additional government funding.

Homework

The majority of homework will be through Seesaw though reading books will be coming home with a programme of cleaning in place. It is imperative that we maintain the use of Seesaw in case of any possible future local lockdown. Please ensure you have set up the new code sent out with your child's report.

School Uniform

We will be returning to wearing school uniform. In the first few weeks we understand that many children may have grown out of jumpers, polo shirts, etc. from before the school lockdown. Please remember we are very happy to accept uniform from other providers such as supermarkets – they are not required to have the school name.

Initially, we will be understanding of some parent issues around sourcing clothing but we expect all pupils to be in uniform for the end of September.

Uniform consists of navy sweatshirts, sweaters or cardigans, navy, black or grey skirt, jogging bottoms, trousers or shorts, together with a white shirt or polo shirt. In the summer girls may wear a blue gingham dress. Shoes need to be suitable for an active school life with a minimal heel height.

PE

We want all children to come in their Sports/PE Kit on the day of their PE sessions so they do not need to be getting changed during the day. They can wear their school jumper/cardigan over the top. They should have no PE kit in school. PE Kit should be navy/black shorts and a plain T-shirt, preferably white (no large logos or slogans please). Jogging bottoms/leggings may be worn for outside PE.

Break Times and Snacks

We will maximize the children's time outside and they will be expected to go out even in the rain and snow! So please send them with their rainproof coats. Remember, just because it is sunny in the morning does not mean it will remain dry throughout the day.

The school will be unable to provide snacks initially as we can't currently handle money. Therefore we would ask that if your child needs a snack you provide a healthy snack from our school list:

Fruit, dried fruit, vegetables (e.g. carrot sticks), plain biscuits or cereal bars that are not chocolate or yoghurt based. Most cheese based snacks such as Cheese Strings are fine.

Drop off and Collection Times

We need parents to please keep to these times to ensure we minimise contact between adults in and out of school. You will have a designated time for drop off and collection as well as a specific entrance to use. Your first time is your drop off time, the second is the collection time.

Day	F1	F2	Y1	Y2	Y3/4	Y4/5	Y5	Y6
Entrance Gate	Front Gate Meet in F1 Playground	Rear Gate Meet in playground	Rear Gate Meet in playground	Rear Gate Meet in Playground	Rear Gate Meet in Playground	Rear Gate Meet in playground	Front Gate Blue Door Line Up	Front Gate Main Entrance Line Up
Drop Off Time	Morning 8.50am Afternoon 12am	8.50am	8.55am	9.00am	8.50am	8.55am	8.50am	8.55am
Collection Time	Morning 11.50am Afternoon 3.00pm	3.00pm	3.05pm	3.10pm	3.10pm	3.15pm	3.10pm	3.15pm

School Office and Queries

Contact with the school office needs to be by email (info@pilsley-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk) or telephone in the first instance please. We would ask that you are patient with the school office team responding to queries. Not only is the beginning of a new school year always busy but not being able to meet parents face to face for quick questions makes everything take longer. The school office will be open from September 1st.

Direct Information from the government for parents can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

If you have any urgent questions please contact Mr Snape via headteacher@pilsley-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk and he will get back to you ASAP.

Take care and see you all soon



Headteacher and the Pilsley Staff Team