

# Warton Nethersole's C.E. Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Returning to school in September

I am writing to outline our plans for returning to school in September.

The year did not turn out as we expected, the pandemic has brought us all many challenges, but once again I commend my staff to you for their dedication in keeping the school open, and I also thank you for your support throughout the lockdown period and phased return. It was lovely to welcome the children back into school over these last few weeks - they were delighted to see their friends and teachers again!

In September **all children** will be able to safely return to school. Protective measures are already in place, but there are a few changes to the current guidelines. In brief, the following rules will apply:

- The children will be kept in class sized 'bubbles'
- The 'bubbles' will not interact with each other during the day. They will have separate lunch breaks and playtimes
- Each child will have their own resources which will not be shared
- Reception children will be spaced out when on the carpet
- Children in Years 1-6 will sit two at a desk facing towards the front of the class
- The handwashing regime will be carefully monitored and remain rigorous (on entry, before eating, throughout the day, after using the toilet and before leaving). Handwashing reminders will be at every sink, hand sanitiser is also in every room
- An increased cleaning regime – including an extra lunchtime clean of door handles, light switches etc. will remain in place
- Staggered arrival/departure times will continue, to help the classes stay separate, and maintain social distancing at busy times of the school day. KS2 children should walk into school by themselves

- There are clear arrangements in place in case a child or adult becomes unwell during the day
- There will be restricted access to some resources (soft toys, bean bags etc.)
- There will be no contact sports but PE lessons will resume (outside only)
- There will be no swimming lessons at least for the autumn term
- The school office will remain closed. Parents should not come into school - please contact us by phone or email

A full risk assessment has been carried out and a copy of this will be put on the website. The full DfE guidance is available here: [DfE Guidance for full opening - schools Published 2 July 2020](#). The government's advice to Head Teachers is that there cannot be a 'one-size-fits-all' approach. The government says that school leaders are best placed to understand the needs of their schools and communities. They trust Head Teachers to make informed judgments about how to balance delivering a broad and balanced curriculum with the measures needed to manage risk. Our arrangements may be different therefore from other local schools.

All year groups, except Reception, will return to school on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**. Children should wear their full school uniform – we have been advised that there is no need for this to be washed any more frequently than usual. On days when the children have PE they should come in their school PE kit and their school sweat-top.

School meals will look different for the first half of the autumn term as children will not be able to eat together in the hall. Key Stage 2 children should bring a packed lunch which they will eat in the classroom at their desks. Educaterers will be providing a hot and cold deli-bag service for Reception, Year 1 and 2 as their universal free school meal. A deli-bag can also be ordered for KS2 children at a cost of £2.25.

Attendance registers will resume as normal. Please inform us before 9.30am if your child will not be attending school, so that Mrs Parker does not have to make unnecessary phone calls. Wrap around care will be operating in a reduced capacity - everyone who has already requested a place has been allocated one but we cannot take any further bookings. **You must not bring your child to school if they show any symptoms of the virus.**

Attached to this letter is a PE timetable and details of the staggered start and finish times. All of this information will be put on the school website, and on Tapestry, and we will send reminders again before September - I know there is a lot of information to take in!

Please be assured that the safety of children, staff and the local community remains at the forefront of all decisions taken in order to fully re-open the school in September. If you have any questions or concerns at all please do get in touch.

Finally, I'm sure you will all join me in wishing our Year 6 children every success as they move to Polesworth High School. They have been a wonderful year group, carrying out their Year 6 duties in an exemplary manner and being great role models for the younger children. I know that they will all look out for each other in September and continue to make us proud!

I wish you all a restful summer holiday with your families. Thank you for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S J Bostock". The signature is written in a cursive style, with the first letter 'S' being large and stylized.

Mrs S J Bostock  
Head Teacher