



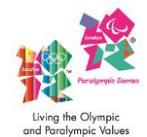
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CHADDESLEY CORBETT ENDOWED PRIMARY & PRE-SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Information for parent/carers of children attending School during the Lockdown

Rationale behind school closure?

- The Prime Minister has announced a national lockdown and instructed people to stay at home to control the virus, protect the NHS and save lives.
- The decision follows a rapid rise in infections, hospital admissions and case rates across the country, and our hospitals are now under more pressure than they have been at any other point throughout the pandemic.
- The government has therefore decided to close schools in order to have the best chance of getting the virus under control and reduce transmission, causing the virus to spread between households when rates are so high.

Who will be attending school?

During the period of national lockdown, school will remain open to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers only. All other children and students will learn remotely until February. If you have indicated that you are a critical worker, you are eligible to send your children to school. It is important to consider that if you can keep your children at home, and support your children through home learning, please do. The quantity of children in school increases the risks of spreading the virus to other pupils. The school are following the DFE guidance and may be asking for supporting evidence from parents over the coming weeks for critical worker status.

How will we group the children in school?

During the lockdown, in order to allow teachers time for planning and implementing home learning, some classes have been combined. Generally, teachers will work in school for one week teaching the bubble and at home for the subsequent week preparing the home learning for the combined classes. In this way children will continue to have some contact with their usual class teacher. The classes will be as follows:

- Reception and Nursery will combine to form one bubble
- Y1 and Y2 will combine to form one bubble
- Y3 and Y4 will combine to form one bubble
- Y5 and Y6 will combine to form one bubble

We will keep these new bubbles consistently until we reopen after February half term. This will reduce the risk of transmission by limiting the number of pupils and staff in contact with each other to only those within the group. Maintaining distinct groups or 'bubbles' that do not mix makes it safer for staff and pupils but it also allows us to quickly identify those who may need to self-isolate in the event of a positive case.

What will the day look like?

Children will arrive as normal and go into class. We are still operating a one way system for arrival and departure. Children will play and mix within their bubble. Staffing will remain consistent and any other staff who need to enter a bubble will wear appropriate PPE.

What will the curriculum look like in school?

The full curriculum will be taught with high expectations. This will be supplemented with well-being activities.

What to do if my child is showing symptoms

Please follow the NHS guidance for COVID 19 and only send your child into school if they are well. If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new and persistent cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they will be sent home and advised to follow guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection, which sets out that they should self-isolate for **at least 10 days** and should arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19). The same applies if your child begins to feel unwell while at home. If your child tests positive whilst not experiencing symptoms but develops symptoms during the isolation period, they should restart the 10-day isolation period from the day they develop symptoms. Other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 10 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms or 10 days from the test date if asymptomatic.

Will lunch be provided?

You will still be able to order school meals through ParentPay (for those in KS2) and requested by the children via the daily register that is taken in KS1 and Class Reception. Shire services have agreed to continue currently with the hot meal menu. If you do not order a lunch, please ensure you provide your child with a packed lunch as we do not have the facilities on site to provide lunch if you have forgotten. If your circumstances have changed and you are not currently claiming free school meals but think you may be eligible, please contact the school office or go to the following link for more details.

https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying_for_free_school_meals

Will snack and drinks be provided?

Our providers of free fruit for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils has stopped so please ensure that, all children bring in a healthy snack. Water bottles should be brought into school daily. Milk is currently still being delivered so those who are eligible or have ordered it will be available.

What equipment does my child need to bring into school?

Book bags should be brought in daily with water bottle and packed lunch if you are not using Shire lunches. KS2 will need to bring in pencil cases. We want to limit the amount of belongings going between home and school. Children will be encouraged to wash their hands and if your child's hands are being affected by soreness, then please feel free to bring in hand cream for them to apply themselves and leave it in school. Please label everything clearly with your child's name. Please ensure that children arrive at school with everything they need for the day to reduce the need for parents to come to the school office. This will also minimise the handling of children's belongings by other staff and reduce unnecessary movement of staff around school.

Do children need to wear school uniform if attending school?

All pupils will be expected to wear school uniform as normal. Please be aware however that due to having to keep windows and doors open for ventilation, the classrooms are colder than usual, so children may wish to wear additional layers underneath their uniform. Children are also spending time outside, so please ensure they have a warm coat, hat, gloves etc

Will there be afterschool clubs and wraparound care?

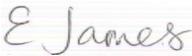
We will continue to offer wraparound care for children of families who are attending school. Mrs Handy will write to families clarifying how we are working to keep children safe. All other after school activities have been cancelled.

How will I contact the school during the day?

The office will not be consistently manned, so in order to minimise the amount of people in the lobby it is advisable to email or ring the office with any queries.

I hope this has answered most of your questions. If you have any worries and concerns, then please contact the office.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "E. James". The signature is written in a dark ink on a light-colored background.

Mrs Emma James
Headteacher