



ANN EDWARDS CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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"Learning and achieving together in a caring community."

Do to others what you would want them to do to you - Matthew 7:12

Friday 26th February

Full Reopening of School

Dear Parents and Carers

I was delighted to hear the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday confirming that primary schools would be fully reopening for all children on Monday 8th March. Following this, the Department for Education has provided information to schools detailing the evidence used in making this decision.

We have missed seeing so many of our children since 18th December and are very excited to have them back in school together again for their lessons, socialisation, play and enrichment activities. Thank you to all of you for engaging with their home learning provision.

The updated risk assessment for the full reopening will be uploaded to the school website next Thursday.

The staff and I have been busy this week preparing for the reopening. I thought it would be helpful to share the key details with you now.

Drop-off and pick-up

- Reception and Key Stage 1 children will continue to enter and exit the school site using the pedestrian gate towards the left of our site.
- Lower Key Stage 2 children will continue to enter and exit the site via the car park entrance, with a barrier directing them towards the left-hand side of this entrance.
- Upper Key Stage 2 children will continue to enter and exit the site via the car park entrance, with a barrier directing them towards the right-hand side of this entrance.

Timings will be as follows:

- There will be a window for drop-off from 8.40 to 9.00 to help alleviate congestion and maintain social distancing.
- We will continue staggered finish times, with Reception finishing slightly earlier to help alleviate congestion and help you to maintain social distancing: Reception 2.50; KS1 and LKS2 2.55; UKS2 3.05/
- Please maintain social distancing and wear face coverings.

The Curriculum

On the first morning back, classes will be given time in the first lesson to share their recent experiences, rebuild relationships with their friends and with the staff and reacquaint themselves with expectations and routines. They will then move on to other lessons, including English and Maths, which will be as active as possible, utilise the outdoor spaces more and help build collaboration with their peers.

From Tuesday onwards the children will receive their usual timetable. You will receive phase newsletters during the first week back detailing the topic for the remaining four weeks, homework information and the other usual important key information. Intervention will continue to run as normal.

Home Learning

I appreciate that these may be two words you would happily never, ever see again but I must be clear that some children will need to continue to learn remotely after 8th March, specifically due to needing to self-

isolate as a family or due to the closure of a class or bubble. We will continue to utilise Class Dojo and Purple Mash as we are currently, should this need arise for individuals or groups. If a class or bubble is closed then teachers will continue to post informative videos alongside other resources and Key Stage 2 children will continue to receive twice-weekly check-ins via Microsoft Teams.

Please refer to our Remote Learning guidance, available here: <https://annedwards.gloucs.sch.uk/remote-education-provision-information-for-parents-jan-21/>

COVID-19

I will update you as further information becomes available, including relating to any changes with self-isolation periods. Please note that, should a pupil be required to self-isolate because they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive, we would ask that siblings also remain home during this period.

Please remember that children should not be attending school, including after 8th March, if they have any of the following symptoms of Covid-19

- a high temperature – this means feeling hot to touch on the chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means the child has noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms. People with these symptoms should seek a test as soon as possible. If the test result comes back as negative then the child can return to school; if the test is positive they should remain off school for ten days following the start of the symptoms.

Siblings of an unwell child awaiting a test result should remain off school until either a negative result has been given (as long as they themselves are symptom-free) or, upon receipt of a positive test, 14 days have passed. This is the same for other members of the household / bubble.

Children may come to school with a runny nose or other symptoms of cold, but we would ask you not to send children in who have taken medicine such as paracetamol / Calpol or ibuprofen / Calprofen as this can mask a raised temperature.

Staff Testing

Finally, you may be aware that primary school staff, including regular visitors such as cleaning, IT and catering staff, are using regular, twice-weekly lateral flow tests to help monitor for asymptomatic coronavirus.

Key Dates

Thursday 1 st April	End of term 4, 1.30
Monday 19 th April	Start of term 5
Tuesday 20 th April	YR5 Cycling Proficiency – until 30th April
Tuesday 27 th April	Parent-Teacher Consultations: 3.30 – 6.30
Thursday 29 th April	Parent-Teacher Consultations: 4.00 – 7.00
Monday 17 th May	Yr 6 Whole Year Group Photo
Friday 28 th May	End of term 5
Monday 7 th June	Term 6 begins
Wednesday 16 th June	Yr 6 Kingshill Induction Day – to be confirmed
Monday 5 th July	Yr 6 Drugs & Peer Workshop (PC Leah Davis)
Wednesday 21 st July	End of term 6, 1.30

Yours Sincerely



Ian Moore
Headteacher