

'Believe, Excite, Succeed, Together'

Welbourn Church of England Primary School

March 2021 - return to school (Covid-19)

Following a further period of lockdown, Welbourn CE Primary School will be opening to all pupils on 8^{th} March in line with government guidance.

After a further significant period away from school for the majority of pupils, it is important that we are able to welcome all children back with the least disruption whilst maintaining the safest possible environment.

Please do take the time to read the information contained in this document. By continuing to work together, we can limit further disruption and maximise the learning that takes place.

The guidance in this document is intended to ensure that our school is able to operate safely when potential risks of Covid-19 are still present.

Curriculum	We are very proud of our curriculum and have worked hard to ensure that it provides each child with the essential knowledge, skills and vocabulary for the next stage in their learning. Whilst we recognise that, there will be some 'missed learning opportunities', our curriculum is structured to ensure that the repetition of skills and knowledge are revisited and links are made. When planning, teachers need to ensure that there are opportunities to revisit or reconnect with prior learning (or for some children new learning) so that they have equitable access to the curriculum. Teachers are adapting long term plans to ensure that pupils are prepared for their next stage of learning but also consolidate current knowledge and skills. Assessment Assessment is at the heart of what we do – all adults working with children need to use their assessment skills to ensure that knowledge is secured (in particular the knowledge needed to attain at a level that is expected). Intervention will be planned to meet the needs of those children where assessment indicates there is a need. You will be informed if this is the case. Trips, visits and visitors We will continue to work with the Local Authority and risk assess when it is safe to begin education trips, swimming and residential trips. When these can be resumed, we will contact you.
Well-being	Following another period of lockdown, it is clear that normality and routine are the most important elements for the children returning to school. We are also keen to make sure that they benefit from lots of fun, social interaction and play. At lunch and break times, our lunchtime supervisors are busy preparing some activities to encourage play, cooperation and well-being.
	Our curriculum continues to ensure that pupils understand the importance of well-being and learn coping strategies. We will continue to deliver 'well-being Wednesday worships' and lessons to support relationships, dealing with feelings and health & safety and safeguarding aspects.
	We take well-being very seriously so please do let us know if you need any support from us. We will talk to you if we feel that there are any concerns regarding your child. There continues to be extra resources and support in place to support those who may be struggling due to a sustained period of absence.
Hygiene -	All parents have been asked to remind children of hygiene importance.
children	Teachers will revisit hand washing and catch it, bin it, kill it. Children will wash hands on arrival to school and before they leave for home. The children will also be asked to wash hands frequently throughout the school day.
	We will re visit these expectations with children during the first week to re-establish routines.
Hygiene -	The site continues to have a stringent cleaning regime in place. Throughout the day,
site	cleaning of common touch areas (where touch cannot be minimised) takes place.
Desks	The government guidance states that the children should be sat at tables facing the front. This is not possible in all of our classrooms or appropriate for the style of learning that is in place where children do not learn sitting facing the front (for example in Reception and Year 1). The teachers are making choices about how they organise the seating in their classroom. They are doing this with health and well-being in mind.

It is really important that the classrooms are as ventilated as much as possible. That can sometimes mean the temperatures are not as warm as we would like to have them. On those colder days, please make sure that your child has extra layers. With the warmer weather on its way, we are hoping that this is not too much of an issue. Masks Throughout the recent lockdown, all of the staff wear masks when they are not able to maintain an effective distance. This is part of our 'new normal' and everyday experience. Children should not wear masks in the classroom. Any child arriving at school wearing a mask will be asked to remove the mask and place it in a clear sealed plastic bag prior to entering school. Government guidance states: In primary schools, we recommend that face coverings should be worn by staff and adult visitors in situations where social distancing between adults is not possible (for example, when moving around in corridors and communal

areas). Children in primary school do not need to wear a face covering.

Arrival & Collection

We will not stagger times for drop off and pick up but the following procedures will be in place:

- Amethyst Class are to be dropped off at 8.45am at their classroom door and collected at 3.30pm from the same place.
- **Emerald Class** are to be dropped off between 8.45 and 9.00am at the playground gate and collected from the same place.
- **Topaz Class** are to be dropped off between 8.45pm and 9.00am at the playground gate, for the first week, they can be walked to their classroom gate near their outdoor area.

When collecting children, please can you make sure that the children stay with you and do not go off and play. This is in order to maintain the integrity of our year group bubbles.

The guidance states that parents should not stop to talk and wait around after dropping off or picking their child up.

We politely ask that you limit the amount of adults dropping off and collecting children to reduce crowding outside of school.

Please model social distancing to our children by respecting the 2m rule.

Symptoms and our response

The symptoms of Corona virus are a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). If your child or any family member displays these symptoms, the current government guidance around testing and self-isolation must be followed. If a child presents these symptoms in school, they will be isolated from other pupils and we will ask for them to be collected.

At this point, a test should be booked/taken and we would ask for any results to be shared confidentially with us. Pupils who are sent home due to potential symptoms will only be allowed to return to school once the test outcomes are received or the designated period of self-isolation are followed. Siblings of a child with symptoms will also need to be collected at this point.

	Should a child test positive, we will follow Public Health England guidance. This may result in wider testing, a period of isolation or our school having to close bubbles for a period of time.
Illness	In order to keep all of the children safe and avoid unnecessary disruption, we will be asking all parents to be very vigilant should their child be unwell and keep them at home where necessary. If a child is sent into school unwell, the potential for disruption over a longer period of time increases. Children should not be given paracetamol or other medication that suppresses temperature.
Parental	If you need to talk to your child's class teacher, please contact the school office by
communication	telephone and we can arrange for a teacher to contact you. Alternatively, you can leave a message on TEAMS or email the enquiries or closure accounts and we will respond as soon as possible.
	If you need to let us know something prior to your child attending school that morning, phone the school office and leave a message. Alternatively, in an emergency or to alert us of a positive Covid case, you can contact us via the school mobile: 07795983561.
	Parents evening will take place on 27 th of April.
	You can access information about your child's learning via the class pages on the school website and the class Twitter feeds.
Uniform	Children are expected to wear their full school uniform each day except Monday and Wednesdays when their P.E kit should be worn.
P.E	P.E days continue to be Mondays and Wednesdays. Coaches from Carre's will be in school and will wear masks inside. Wherever possible, P.E will be outside. The expected P.E kit is: - a white plain t-shirt - navy or black shorts - navy or black tracksuit bottoms -navy or black hooded top - inside trainers or plimsolls - outdoor trainers These days are not non-uniform days. Children are to wear P.E kit.
Bags	Children are able to bring their items into school using a book bag or small bag, which can fit into their locker alongside their lunchbox and coat. Please remind your child that they should not bring toys and other items into school.
Reading books / homework	Homework will continue to be submitted onto TEAMS using the assignments. We would like you to prioritise listening to your child read every day and practise spellings and number facts or times tables or TTrockstars.
	Reading books will continue to be changed regularly but the books will be placed in quarantine before being available to others to use. Children will be able to take books from the library but they can only visit it once per week to allow for cleaning in between uses.
	The library days are as follows:
	Monday: Amethyst Class

	Wednesday: Em	erald Class						
	Friday: Topaz Class							
Playtimes	Children will have staggered breaks and areas of the playground and field will be							
•	zoned to reduce the opportunities for bubbles to mix.							
Lunchtimes	Children will be asked to wash hands prior to going to lunch.							
	Children in Amethyst Class will be asked to eat in the hall.							
	Children in Emerald Class and Topaz Class will eat in their classrooms.							
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	Free School Meals.							
	Kitchen staff will follow social distancing guidance.							
Breakfast Club	Breakfast club is available from Monday 8 th March 2021.							
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Magical Maths (previously booked) is due to begin on Wednesday 21st April 2021.

Please book places as soon as possible. These are on a first come first served basis.

Should you require after school provision/ childcare in additional to the clubs stated, please contact the school office. These will be at a cost of £5.00 per hour.