



Pride, Perseverance, Kindness, Respect

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all keeping safe and well and are looking forward to having a summer holiday if possible!

Before I begin to tell you about our arrangements for all children returning to school in September, I would like to say some very big, heartfelt 'thank yous!'

It really has been a very interesting school year to say the least and it is one that I am sure we will all remember! I have been working in education for more than half of my life and this has been the most challenging, difficult, and sometimes rewarding time I have ever experienced. So here we go.....

Thank you to...

All of our fantastic Cropwell Bishop Staff, from Liz and Susi in the office, governors, Friends of School, our Equals Trust Team, kitchen staff, Matt and John our site staff, Lime Trees staff for keeping wraparound care going, kitchen staff, dinner staff, teaching staff and teaching assistants who have looked after children at school, planned home learning and taught their 'bubbles'.

Everyone has gone above and beyond to make sure that despite the strange circumstances our school has remained a happy place where children feel safe.

Thank you to all our wonderful children who have kept us smiling throughout and have embraced the challenge of learning at home, coming to school and a combination of the two! All best wishes to our Y6 leavers who are starting out on their next school phase adventure!

And a final **enormous** thank you all of you at home that have supported your children and us throughout the last four months!

As you will be aware, we are expecting ALL children to return to school on **Thursday 3rd September**. We will be following government guidance and as such, some of the measures we have in place now will remain. There will also be some changes, which will be put in place in line with our updated risk assessments.

In the government guidelines, it is highly recommended that schools use staggered starts and finishes to ensure there are not too many people congregating at the same time. This is especially

important for us as we have only one entrance to our site. Below you will see the arrangements for your child. It is very important that everyone adhere to these please.

Start Times

8.45 Class 2, 3 and 4

8.55 Class 5 and 6

9.00 Class R and 1

One-way system around the school – through playground gate, walk round to classes through doors. All children to use outside doors apart from 5 and 3 who will use KS2 door.

- Parents from Class R may come on playground but not past 100 square; then must leave via one-way system. (through keypad gate)
- Parents from Year 1 may come on playground for first 2 days.
- No parents other than YR on site please
- If you are waiting for different times, please keep your children with you at all times.
- Please leave the school site as quickly as possible

Finish Times

3.20 Class 2, 3 and 4

3.30 Class 5 and 6

3.35 Class R and 1

The information below may help you with any questions you have.

Bubbles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception and Year 1 • Year 2 • Year 3 • Year 4 • Year 5 and 6 • All children will be taught in their classes but bubbles will share break and lunchtimes
Drop off and Pick up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each group will be given a drop off and pick up time • Each group will have a designated entrance and exit door • Only one adult per family please • Members of staff will supervise entrances, in order to limit congestion • Parents are politely asked not to enter the building • Any group congregating will be actively discouraged
Playtimes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playtimes will be staggered. • Each group will have their own designated playtime in the morning and afternoon and be supervised by their designated group staff. • Outdoor equipment will be used by one bubble at a time under supervision • Climbing frames will be used on a rota
Lunchtimes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunchtimes will be staggered • Hot school meals will be available • Outside play – each group will be supervised in a designated zone

Hand washing / hand sanitiser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children will wash hand and/or sanitise as they arrive at school and throughout the day
Assemblies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be no assemblies in the hall
Reading Books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be taken home
PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full PE kits required please, including outdoor shoes as PE will take place outside whenever possible
Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kept to a minimum & by appointment only
Milk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available as normal (please order via cool milk for over 5's – Under 5's are free)
Fruit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children may bring fruit as a snack for breaktime. KS1 children will receive a free piece of fruit daily
Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bubbles will share equipment. If it to be used by a different bubble it will be cleaned thoroughly before use • Children will have allocated pencils and pens for their sole use only. Could we please ask parents to provide a pack of coloured pencils (not felt tips) and a small, clear pencil case for keeping these in. These are very cheap from shops such as Poundland or Morrisons. Please contact school if this is not possible.
Ipads / laptops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These will be wiped after each use
Water bottles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children will need a water bottle every day
Uniform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full uniform should be worn
School Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School will be contactable by email and by phone. Please do not pop up to school to drop off forgotten items as the office staff need to remain Covid secure. The office will be closed for an hour at lunchtime each day (11am to 12 noon)

I hope the above will answer some of your questions. We are all very, very much looking forward to having all the children back with us in September! If guidance changes, I will of course be in touch as soon as I can.

Take care

Kindest regards

Miss Hussey

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