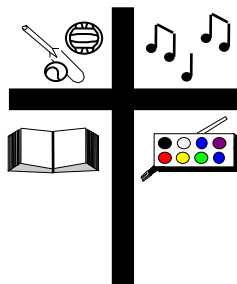


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Dear parents,

I hope that this letter finds you and your families continuing to keep safe and well.

We are thrilled that all our children are able to return to school on 8th March, all being well, and we cannot wait to welcome them back. I wish to thank you for your support this term and I would also like to thank the children for their hard work and the resilience they have shown over these past few weeks.

We appreciate that some parents and pupils may be feeling anxious about the return to school, so please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss any concerns. Rest assured, the systems and procedures we had in place before the lockdown have been reviewed and where necessary strengthened and these will be maintained from 8th March.

We will continue to manage confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) in line with current public health guidance, and also minimise contact with anyone who is required to self-isolate. Please remember that you must NOT send your child to school, and they must follow the [stay at home guidance](#), if they:

- have [symptoms](#) or live in a household with someone who has symptoms ([Book a test](#))
- have tested positive themselves, even if they do not have symptoms;
- live in a household with someone who has tested positive, even if that person does not have symptoms, and follow the guidance [households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#);
- are a close contact of someone who has coronavirus (COVID-19);
- they are required to [quarantine having recently visited a red list travel ban country](#)

If your child cannot attend school because they are complying with government guidance or law relating to coronavirus (COVID-19), eg, any of the reasons listed above, remote education will be provided by the Class teacher.

As always, please advise school of your child's absence and the reason for the absence.

We will continue to do the following:

- ensure that everyone cleans their hands thoroughly and frequently, including when they arrive at school, when they return from breaks, when they move to another room and before and after eating. Please remind your child about effective hand washing.
- promote "catch it, bin it, kill it" to ensure good respiratory hygiene. Again, please remind your child what this message means.
- continue cleaning and ventilation, including cleaning frequently-touched surfaces more often.
- pupils will have individual stationery. Classroom resources can be shared and cleaned, and resources between classrooms will be cleaned thoroughly or left unused for up to 72 hours.

- take swift action in the event of someone testing positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), including contacting the local health protection team.
- staff will be taking part in the asymptomatic testing programme, if they wish to do so.

We will endeavour to minimise contact and encourage distancing in school as far as possible, and this will include:

- staying within specified separate groups (KS1 and KS2 bubbles);
- maintaining distance between individuals;
- keeping consistent groups with limited pupils and staff;
- keeping school visitors to a minimum, by appointment only.

In addition to the above measures, I would like to remind you about the systems and procedures for a safe return to school on 8th March.

Staggered Arrivals / Collections

Arrivals

The top gate will be opened at 8:50am for pupils from Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 (KS2). We ask that parents from these year groups do not come on to site without an appointment.

Children from Reception and Year 1 **and their siblings from school** need to arrive at 9:00am. One adult may come on site and bring their child/ren to Class 1 (siblings should go straight to their external classroom door).

Collection

One adult may come onto school premises at 3:00pm to collect their Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (KS1) child.

KS2 pupils (Years 3 to 6) will be dismissed at 3:15pm and one adult may come onto site from 3:10pm.

N.B. Any adult, who is not exempt from doing so, should wear a face mask when entering school premises and everyone must follow the one-way system, whilst maintaining social distancing. Please arrive and leave the premises and surrounding areas promptly and avoid congregating in all areas.

School Bus Service

If your child travels to / from school using the School Bus Service, please may we ask that you remind your child of the guidance listed in the CWAC Bus Passenger Etiquette document on our website:

<http://www.crowton.cheshire.sch.uk/page/covid-19/87302>

Lunch Time

School will return to the full menu from 8th March, which will include a hot and a cold choice - weekly menus can be found in the "Parent Zone" section of our website and also in the "News" section of our website and on School Spider. Lunch times will be staggered and separated by KS1 and KS2 to minimise contacts in the hall and to allow staggered time outside. Between sittings of pupils in the hall, touch points will be cleaned. If your child brings a lunch from home, please provide it in a named plastic lunch box, which can be wiped upon arrival in school.

Water Bottles

All children will need to bring a named water bottle each day, for water only. School are not able to provide cups at this time. Contact points on the water machines will be cleaned throughout the day.

School Snack

Children may bring a healthy snack from home or may purchase a snack from school. Our school snack is currently limited to a choice of toast, bagel or crumpet at a cost of 30p per day or £1.50 for a full week. Snack money should be paid once a week, preferably on a Monday, and must be in a named sealed envelope for infection control. If you wish to pay for the remainder of this term and up to Easter break, the cost will be £5.70p.

Homework

This will continue to be set via our school website from 15th March, with some Class teachers also setting tasks on Purple Mash or Ed Shed. Most pupils will be used to accessing this area from the lockdown and this is also where remote learning work will be set in the event of a bubble / school closure or pupil self-isolation requirement.

Uniform

Children should return to school in uniform, but they are excused from wearing their school tie. We ask that all uniform items, including coats, gloves, etc are washed regularly, and that all items are labelled with your child's name.

PE Kits

Children are to wear their P.E. Kits on a Monday and Friday, as these are the days where P.E is taught by our qualified coaches George and Margi.

Bags / Books

It is still recommended that we limit what pupils bring on site and what is exchanged between home and school. No bags will be allowed to be brought on site by pupils; only lunch boxes and drinks bottles. Your child's Class teacher will inform you directly about any Class arrangements for book collections and drop-off days.

After School Extra-Curricular Clubs

KS2 Football Club with George will resume on Monday 15th March 3.15pm – 4pm. If you wish your child to attend please complete the survey on school spider or email the school office.

After School Club (ASC)/Breakfast Club (BC)

Both Clubs are available from 8th March. Bookings **MUST BE MADE AND PAID IN ADVANCE**. Social distancing and time outside will be encouraged by the staff and both Clubs will have their own resources. Children in KS1 and KS2, but from different classes, will be encouraged to maintain distance at Clubs at all times, where possible.

All Clubs will **use the hall** and playground area, with additional cleaning in place. Drop off and collection will be at the main reception front door - please use the staff car park if there is a definite free space, or alternatively, park at the Village Hall and walk down to school. There is strictly no parking / waiting on the road and zig zag area.

Before School Club is available, only when booked in advance, from 7:45am and is priced at £5.00 per session. After School Club prices are £4.50 for the hour session (3:15pm-4:15pm) and £9.00 for a full session, including snack (3:15pm – 6pm). ASC closes at 6pm and children must be collected before this time or a charge may be incurred.

Pupils will NOT be allowed to attend Breakfast or After School Club without a confirmed booking. Sessions can be pre-booked by emailing afterschoolclub@crowton.cheshire.sch.uk, or by printing and completing the booking form on our website, and returning it to school with your child. In the event of an emergency an After School Club place will be granted on the day without prior booking by telephoning or emailing the school office: admin@crowton.cheshire.sch.uk stating whether an hour or full session is required.

All of our systems and procedures will be continually reviewed and we will always operate in accordance with the Government and DfE advice.

On a final note - once again, on behalf of all the staff, I wish to thank you all for your endless support and we look forward to educating and caring for your amazing children once more.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Bettley
Head teacher

