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Dear Parents

Firstly, I wish to start this update by thanking you all for your ongoing support and kind messages. All the staff are missing all our school families.

The safety of our school community remains our priority and we all need to bear in mind that the new arrangements detailed below are to protect us all and lower the risk of infection, although some may seem inconvenient. Parents who do not wish to send their child back to school at this time of uncertainty will not be penalised. Home learning ideas will continue to be available on the website as before.

Every school is different in what they may be able to offer. Current **Keyworker pupils** may return on **Wednesday 3rd June.** Please email <u>admin@crowton.cheshire.sch.uk</u> with any requests for your child to return to school if you now have a keyworker role.

At this moment in time, we would also like to invite our **Year 6** pupils to return to school full time on **Monday 8th June** (unless circumstances beyond our control alter this).

When we are able to potentially open for Reception and Year 1 pupils we will advise you accordingly.

This is not the kind of letter we normally send, but we hope to explain below how we will try and keep the children and adults on site safe. Please talk to your child if they are returning to school now (or when they do so in the future) and explain to them why these arrangements are in place.

- Children who do attend school over the coming weeks are currently not required to wear uniform. Children should wear 'school appropriate' clean clothes everyday (including a clean jumper or jacket which they will keep on the back of their chair). Please ensure footwear is sport appropriate. Where possible long hair should be tied back.
- Children will be in a cohort referred to as a 'bubble.' Each bubble will be in classroom of no more than 15 pupils, plus 1-3 staff. They may not be with their class teacher. Children will only use their assigned classroom during their day in school. They will not be permitted to mix with other 'bubbles'. Classrooms will have soft furnishings removed. 'Bubbles' will have mixed age groups.
- School meals will be available as normal, or children can bring a lunch from home. Lunches from home should be in a wipeable plastic lunchbox or disposable bag. Children can bring a water bottle which we can also wipe. We are not able to provide snacks at this time but these can be brought from home. Items will be wiped as children arrive in their class 'bubble.' Children will also wash their hands-on arrival.

- Apart from a lunch box and plastic bottle, no other items should be brought to school no bags, no pencil cases, no books, no balls/toys. Any sunscreen must be applied before school.
- Children who use the School Transport Service will arrive as normal and walk round to the external door of their assigned 'bubble' classroom.
- Keyworker children may now be dropped at the top gate between 9am 9:10am (not the main entrance, as previously). A staff member will be there to greet children. Please observe social distancing guidance on the village hall car park and whilst waiting. Children will use external doors whenever possible.
- Year 6 pupils should arrive 8:50am 9:00am (at the top gate).
- In school, children will have their own desk and an equipment tray for their personal use – school will provide individual pencils, glue, colours etc. Where possible desks will be arranged to allow pupils to maintain social distance from each other but this may not be at the recommended 2m distance. We cannot guarantee that children will always be kept socially distant inside and outside.
- Where possible we will not allow the sharing of resources and will endeavour to clean equipment between children. If resources are shared, children will be encouraged to wash their hands after use.
- Children will have an allocated outdoor 'bubble' space for playtime and lunch break.
- Any visitors to school will be limited and by appointment only and parents may not come on to site (unless absolutely necessary). Parents should continue to use email and telephone for contacting school.
- Children will be encouraged and supported to wash their hands with soap and water as per the government guidance at intervals throughout the day and we will supervise them when we can. 'Bubbles' will have alcohol hand sanitizer available too.
- We will not gather for whole school collective worship.
- Tables, touch points and surfaces will be sanitised when possible through the day in each 'bubble' room. Doors will be propped open when it is safe to do so.

As per the guidance from Public Health England any member of staff or any child who is unwell or develops a new continuous cough or high temperature or loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell should stay at home to avoid spreading infection to others.

Anyone who develops symptoms must, with other members of the household follow the rules to self-isolate while arranging a coronavirus test. Current guidance is available online. Children can now be tested, please refer to the NHS Test and Trace website. School must be informed of any test outcome. When a test proves positive, the 'bubble' in which the staff member or child has been in will close for 14 days. https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-launches-nhs-test-and-trace-service

All plans we develop are conditional and evolving to the needs of our school and our staff and children within it.

Our school may look a little different, but it is still 'Crowton Shaped' at heart. We will be continually reviewing our practises and adding any further measures as needed. We will continue to do all we can for the children and families of our school community.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Bramwell Senior Teacher

