

CUMBRIA EDUCATION SERVICE



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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

Full re-opening of school: Monday 8th March, 2021

We are delighted to be welcoming all children back to school on 8th March. Since the Government's announcement we have been reviewing our policies and procedures to ensure that school remains a safe place for all.

The majority of our COVID-19 routines will remain as they were before the Christmas break with the only change being an additional 5 minutes added to the pick-up times. I have detailed all the information relating to these routines below and would like to take this opportunity to remind you that it is essential for **everyone** to adhere to these measures in order to keep all children and adults safe and reduce the risk of transmission.

From 8th March, 2021:

- Classes will remain in their own bubbles to limit mixing with other children at all times.
- KS1 and KS2 lunches will be eaten in the hall, Reception, Nursery and Year 6 children will eat their lunches in their classrooms to reduce contact between bubbles.
- Break times and lunch times will be staggered so each bubble can access the playground for their allotted time (there will be no loss of teaching time). Children will not be allowed to play on the playground equipment.
- Bubbles will have their own entrances (Year 5 & 6 – Year 6 door, Year 3 and 4 - Junior entrance, Year 1 and 2 - Infant entrance, Reception and Nursery - Normal entrances)
- A reminder of opening times: Start 8.45am-9.00am and end 3.00pm- 3.15pm (3.30 for Pre School). We would ask that parents refrain from waiting around entrance doors as much as possible and vacate the premises quickly to avoid congestion.
- Each morning, we would like you to bring your child up the school lane and on to the relevant entrance. There are arrows displayed at two metre intervals to support social distancing when dropping your child off at school. We would be grateful if you could then continue on the one-way system and exit the school premises via Outrigg. We would also ask that adults continue to wear face masks.

- At the end of the day, we would like you to repeat this above mentioned routine. Weather permitting, the children will be outside ready to be collected to ensure you are not having to wait around more than necessary to collect your child.
- Please note that there will be no admittance into school via any entrance. Please contact via phone or email the following:
 - amelia@stbeesvillage.cumbria.sch.uk Monday to Friday
 - karen@stbeesvillage.cumbria.sch.uk Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
 - diane@stbeesvillage.cumbria.sch.uk Monday, Wednesday, Friday
- Class teachers can be contacted directly through their email addresses for remote queries and class information will be regularly updated on our school website.
- Children will be expected to come to school wearing their PE kits on their allotted PE days – please see table below detailing PE sessions. This will help reduce the number of items being brought in and out of school.

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
am		Reception – PE & Forest School	Y1 – PE		
pm	Y2 – PE	Y6 - PE	Y3 – PE	Y4 - PE	Y5 – PE

- Children are unable to order their dinners when they arrive in school. We'd like to encourage parents to sit with their child at home and pre-order their dinner. This can be done for a whole week or a day at a time.
- Each child has been given their own pencil case with the equipment they need. No resources from home will be allowed in school.
- Keeping the school well ventilated is paramount for our safe return to school. We would therefore urge you to ensure your children have a coat with them every day for wear within the classroom as well as outside if necessary.
- Reading books are sent home on Monday to return back to school on Friday morning. These will be collected in a box/basket and left until Monday morning to allow for 72 hours to pass before redistributing.
- Children should bring a water bottle into school, clearly labelled with their name.
- Children in Years 1 – 6 will be seated at desks in rows facing forward and will not be using carpet areas in classrooms.
- Hand washing will continue to be high priority and hand sanitiser is available throughout school.
- Deep cleaning will take place at the end of every day as well as continuous cleaning throughout the day.
- For Breakfast and After School Clubs bookings please contact Miss Millburn a minimum of 24 hours prior to the day required - smillburn@stbeesvillage.cumbria.sch.uk
- There will be no after school activity clubs or whole school events at all during the rest of the Spring Term.

- The Government has confirmed that attendance remains compulsory and the usual attendance procedures apply. However, if your child has been given clinical guidance please can you contact school and we will discuss how we can support you.
- Our updated risk assessments and whole school behaviour policy can be downloaded from our website <https://www.stbeesvillage.cumbria.sch.uk/policies-key-documents>.

If your child shows symptoms of COVID-19 (a new continuous cough, a temperature or a change to/loss of sense of taste and smell) please ensure your child gets tested and the entire household stays at home until the test result is known. Also, if any children show symptoms at school we will contact you right away. Public Health England guidance will be followed.

If any of our staff or pupils tests positive for COVID-19, please be aware that public health may advise us to ask pupils to get tested and isolate with a wider range of symptoms, including: headache, diarrhoea, severe fatigue and sore throat. I will let all parents and carers know immediately if we need to do this.

We will continue to review all these procedures on a weekly basis and hope that day to day school life will be able to return to normal as soon as possible. We very much look forward to seeing you all on Monday 8th March, 2021.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Mrs Sharp