

Norbriggs Primary School, Covid Routines Summary Sept 2021

- **What time will school start?**
 - 8.55am

- **What time will school finish?**
 - 3.15pm

- **Do Reception children stay all day?**
 - Yes
 - We are mindful that this may be tiring and challenging for children and so the school day will be aimed at play and socialisation for the first half term with a greater emphasis on academic learning through play as the children settle and increase their stamina.
 - Please note all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal everyday.

- **Is attendance Mandatory?**
 - Yes
 - Unless your child is ill they should attend school everyday.
 - I am unable to authorise holidays during term time for any reason.
 - There is no longer a requirement for children to isolate, even if they have been in contact with a person who has tested positive, unless they test positive themselves.
 - The Government expects Local Authorities to issue penalty notices if children have poor attendance.

- **Do we need to wear masks and face coverings?**
 - You do not need to but you are welcome to if it makes you feel more comfortable.
 - Please respect everyone's right to wear, or not wear, a face covering.
 - When you speak with each other or with staff please try to keep 2 metres apart – particularly inside the school building.
 - Please only come into the building if it is absolutely necessary.

- **Breakfast Club**
 - This starts at 8.15am
 - Breakfast is served from 8.15am – 8.30am
 - There is a charge of 50p per child.
 - Unfortunately we are unable to offer breakfast club to Nursery children due to staffing requirements.

- **Morning drop off.**
 - The playground gates will be opened at 8.45am – please do not come earlier than this.
 - Parents are to wait with their children on the playground until class teachers open their doors.
 - Teachers will open classroom doors at 8.50
 - Once classroom doors are open children can come inside and settle ready to start the day.
 - Please do not let your children or toddlers play on the garden. The grass is almost always wet with dew, making shoes muddy and this gets trodden into school onto the carpets where children sit.
 - The gates will be closed at 9.05am. Please ensure your children arrive at school on time every day.

- **PE kits**
 - Children will be asked to come to school wearing their PE kit on the appropriate days.
 - Please speak to the class teacher to find out when their class will be doing PE.
 - PE kits is black shorts and white T-shirt. Children may also wear dark joggers.
 - Please do not wear coloured clothing, football kits or clothing with logos.
 - Children can wear their school jumper over their t-shirt if they wish.

- **School uniform**
 - White or burgundy polo shirt
 - Burgundy jumper, cardigan or sweatshirt
 - Black or grey trousers or skirt
 - Sensible shoes without a heel, preferably black, or black trainers.
 - Hoodies will be classed as an outdoor piece of clothing and children will be asked to remove these and hang them on their coat peg whilst inside school.

- **Jewellery, nail polish, make up and hair.**
 - Children will be asked to remove any jewellery. It will be placed in an envelope and sent to Mrs Walsh in the office for safe keeping.
 - Gel nails and false nails are not appropriate for children in school. Children with nail polish will be asked to remove it. We will keep nail polish remover in school for this purpose.
 - Make up is not appropriate for children in school. Children can use lip balm when required but this must be for their own use and not to be shared.
 - Hair styles must be sensible for a school environment. No bright colours or extreme cuts – ie shaved or lines in a way that may distract others.

- **Book bags**
 - Please send children to school with their book bag everyday.
 - Ensure that they have a book and their reading record inside.
 - Reading is the singular most important thing you can do with your child to help them succeed in school and life. Please read with your child everyday, even if it is only for 5 minutes.

- **Items from home**
 - Please do not bring any items from home. Children can easily be distracted by these during lessons. They can also become lost or broken which can be upsetting. They are often the cause of disagreements as a result of children swapping, giving away or having items taken and then staff have to try to work out who the rightful owner is.
 - Do not bring rucksacks to school. We do not have the space in our cloakrooms to store them.
 - All children will need a water bottle. It does not need to be fancy, a regular plastic bottle that can be refilled will be fine.

- **Bubbles**
 - There is no longer a requirement for us to keep children separated from each other, as long as we do not have a covid outbreak.
 - Children will still be taught in their class groups but we can mix children from different classes for groups such as school council, digital leaders, forest schools, intervention and support.
 - Inside the classroom we can also go back to having the tables organised in class groups, rather than all facing the front. This will make teaching and learning so much better for children and staff.

- **Assemblies and larger gatherings**
 - We will return to whole school assemblies on Mondays and celebration assemblies on Fridays. We have tried to continue with our rewards and celebrations throughout Covid but it has been difficult. I am looking forward to being able to reinstate many of our positive practices.
 - We are also hoping to be able to invite you into school again for open days, Xmas performances, brass concerts and for parents evening.

- **Playtime and lunch time**
 - We aim to keep staggered play and lunchtimes.
 - Behaviour significantly improved as a result of having smaller groups of children in any one area which meant that classrooms were much calmer. The children were noticeably happier as a result of better managed playtimes.

- We also aim to keep three dinner sittings with all children being seated before being served their food and all children waiting to go outside together. This did take a lot of staff to implement so we will be training Year 6 pupils to run the lunchtimes, under supervision. I think some greater responsibility will be a good thing for them, and for the other children to see them as positive role models.
- **Cleaning and hygiene**
 - Enhanced cleaning of the building will remain in place.
 - Children will continue to have hand washing timetabled into their day at regular intervals.
 - Children will be encouraged to cough into their elbow or a tissue and wash their hands after coughing or sneezing.
 - Staff will continually wipe down and spray areas such as tables, door handles, toilets, chairs, etc throughout the day
- **Ventilation**
 - CO2 monitors are to be installed to ensure rooms have adequate fresh air
 - Doors and windows will continue to be open for the foreseeable future so therefore children will need extra layers as the weather turns colder.
- **Illness and isolation**
 - Three classic covid symptoms are still active – temperature, loss of smell, persistent cough.
 - Also look out for headache, nausea, vomiting or diarrhoea.
 - Do not send your child to school if they are ill.
 - Children and adults will only need to isolate if you are contacted by NHS Test and Trace.
 - There is no longer a requirement to isolate if you are under 18 or have had both vaccinations.
- **Suspected case of covid**
 - If you or your child have any of the above symptoms then please book a PCR test and inform school of the result of your test.
 - If you are under 18 or have had both vaccinations you do not need to isolate whilst waiting for your results.
- **Covid outbreak**
 - Positive cases will be monitored and if there are more than 5 positive cases in a 10 day period then we will be classed as having a covid outbreak.

- If this happens we will return to bubbles in line with our contingency covid risk assessment.
- **Any other questions**
 - If you have any other questions please email me on headteacher@norbriggs.derbyshire.sch.uk or call Mrs Walsh on 01246 473398