



Dore Primary School



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Dear parents/Carers

I hope this finds you well. I know that challenges for each of you are varied and can seem insurmountable. We hope that by providing you with the following information that you have information well ahead of September which will help you plan ahead in whatever way you need to. Please note the following may be subject to change over the Summer holidays should national guidance change. Please therefore keep a check on emails during the last week of the holidays.

You may find it helpful to refer to the following guidance for parents

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

The following link details the guidance which school is following;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

In addition to the DFE guidance, as a maintained school we also follow the advice from Public Health Sheffield and Health and Safety at Sheffield City Council, who provide a model risk assessment. We still have logistics to work through for the start of the Autumn terms which begins on Wednesday 2nd September, but our Risk assessment, once rubber stamped by Health and Safety will be available on the school website, prior to school reopening.

Arrangements for September

The Risk assessment provided by the Council states that no parent should be allowed on the school site; however having spoken at length with Health and Safety and considered our school site we will be amending this to mean the school buildings. This means that parents will be allowed to drop their children off on site. We also considered a one way system for entering the school site and staggered starts but have discounted this, given the size and outside space. We are, however, asking that parents support. The following decisions have been agreed through discussion with Health and Safety and we ask that parents follow the guidance below us to ensure that we can maintain the flexibility:





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Beginning and end of the day:

- We will be operating a flexible start to the day. The doors to the school building/classrooms will be open from 8.30am
- Children are asked to arrive between 8.30am and 9am and come straight into school.
- If children arrive after 9am you/they must report to the main office.
- We ask that only 1 adult accompanies your child/children to school
- Please see the attached plan regarding which entrance into the building your child will use.
- Staff will be at hand during the first week to direct anyone who is unsure.
- Parents/ children can use any entrance/exit onto the site, but we ask that you follow social distancing expectations as you arrive and leave.
- If you are using the main entrance on Furniss Avenue, please observe the one way system (up the path and down the drive!)
- We also ask that parents who have more than one child consider their route around school. Please note that air lock on the link corridor should not be used to access the staff car park from Kingswood/Bushey Wood entrance or vice versa
- If you have older children (year 5/6) please consider dropping them at the school gate to further reduce the 'traffic' on site.
- At the end of the school day children can be picked up between 3pm & 3.15pm from their drop off point.
- Any child whose parent decides to meet them at the gate (junior children only) will be dismissed from class at 3.15pm
- If you arrange to meet your child at one of the entrances we again ask that you follow social distancing guidelines.
- Please don't be offended by the 'no loitering signs'; we ask that all parents leave the site immediately after drop off and pick up.
- Please note that the climbing frames and any equipment left out is for use during the school day only.





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When children arrive in school and throughout the day staff will oversee regular hand cleaning as per the risk assessment. Children will also be taught and reminded about good respiratory hygiene. ie 'catch it, bin it, kill it'. Cleaning stations with tissues, antibacterial wipes and hand sanitisers are available in each classroom and throughout school. Please **DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD WITH THEIR OWN HAND GEL.**

In September all children will be taught in their classes. For reception and year 1 children this will be in their base, for all other children they will be in their classrooms as per previous information you have received. These will be referred to as their teaching bubbles. For reception and year 1 children they will be in a year group bubble throughout the day. During breaks the children will remain in year group bubbles and within their allocated specific spaces outdoors. These spaces will be rotated on a weekly basis to ensure all children have a different experience outside.

Please see Risk Assessment with regards to the movement of staff between bubbles. The Risk Assessment will be published at the start of the Autumn term.

We ask that children only bring a small bag/rucksack which contains essential equipment eg a slim pencil case (Key Stage 2 only), PE kit and a named water bottle. Please ensure your children do not bring toys from home.

Uniform

Ideally we want all children to wear uniform in September. If you have experienced difficulties with uniform providers please let new class teachers know via the year group email. We also ask that children wear clothes which do not require adult support eg Velcro for shoes.

Lunches

Up until the week commencing 28th all Key Stage 2 children with the exception of those in receipt of Free School Meals are asked to bring a packed lunch. All infant will have the option of a grab bag. The menu will be sent separately.

Curriculum and the school day

Our intention is that the school day will look as near to normal as prior to lockdown, whilst following the risk assessment. School staff have worked on a reconnecting curriculum, details of which will be shared in a separate email.

Miscellaneous

Please do not use the school car park, this remains for staff use and emergencies only. It is vital that there is no traffic on the school driveway to keep everyone safe.

School will not be able to handle any cash

Mobile phones-children are dissuaded from bringing mobile phones into school.





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A reminder about Covid-19 symptoms:

Latest Public Health guidance if your child/family member displays symptoms:

- Book a test if they are displaying symptoms. Staff and pupils must not come into the school if they have symptoms, and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school.
- All children can be tested, including children under 5, but children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their parents/carers if using a home testing kit.
- Provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace.
- Self-isolate if they have been in close contact with someone who develops coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)

Finally, we know that the return to normal is likely to feel very strange for many children, especially those who have not been into school since schools closed in March. We want it to feel as normal as possible but appreciate that some children and parents will be worried about a whole raft of things. Please be reassured that for our staff, they came into the profession because they care deeply; they will continue to take every step possible to ensure that children feel safe in school and are safe in school so that they can support your child in their learning.

Sending you our very best wishes and thoughts.

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We respect the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
Article 28: We have the right to a good quality education.

