



Ashford Church of England Primary School

22nd February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the Prime Minister's announcement of schools fully reopening in two weeks time, we are writing to confirm the positive news that our school will be open for ALL our pupils from **Monday 8th March.**

Our times of the day for each year group will be as they would have been when we were due to open in January, so as follows:

Mornings

Reception classes – main gate entrance from 8:30am
Year 1 and 2 – main gate entrance from 8:40am
Year 3 and 4 – car park gate entrance from 8:40am
Year 5 and 6 – main gate entrance from 8.50am

Older siblings may still be dropped off with their younger brothers or sisters if required.

Afternoons

Classes will be released from the same doors as in the Autumn term.

Reception class – finish at 2.40pm
Year 1 and 2 – finish at 2:50pm
Year 3 and 4 – finish at 3.00pm
Year 5 and 6 – finish at 3.10pm

We are looking forward to seeing all our Ashford children back in school from this date. A few things to remember:

- All children must be **dressed smartly in full school uniform** from this date. Children will be allowed to come to school in PE kit on their PE days, and this will be communicated to you by their teachers.
- Children need to **bring in to school their Lockdown Learning book**, as we will want to spend some time in the first week celebrating the learning of the children over recent weeks.
- If your child has school dinners, then you need to book online in advance, in the normal way.

In the meantime, for children not at school, it is imperative that they continue to engage well over the next two weeks with their remote learning, in preparation for returning to their classes on 8th March. Our provision for children of critical workers and vulnerable children will also continue for the next two weeks, for those who have already enrolled via our registration form sent before half term.

Please be assured that we will continue to rigorously follow the risk assessments and infection control measures laid down by the DFE, and will continue to keep these under review. We are committed to doing whatever we can to protect children and staff whilst doing our very best to deliver an excellent learning provision for our pupils.



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Ahead of our reopening, we would like to remind parents to adhere to the following safety measures when collecting and dropping off children:

- Please wear a face covering when you enter the school (unless exempt).
- Please at all times maintain social distancing on school grounds with parents and staff.
- Where possible, we ask that only one adult drops off and collects your child from our school site.
- Please arrive promptly at your allocated time slot. This will help to ensure everyone's safety and avoid congestion.
- If your child is unwell, and displaying any COVID symptoms, please do not send them into school. If your child or anyone in your household has COVID symptoms, then please get a test.

Please be mindful that present circumstances remain fluid and changeable, and we may be required to change our school plans and safety protocols at very short notice, but we will always aim to keep you informed if any changes are necessary.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding at this time.

Yours sincerely,

Mr N Meehan
Executive Headteacher

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