

Checkendon C.E. Aided Primary School

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Reading RG8 0SR

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Arrangements for Spring Term 4 2021

Dear parents,

We will re-open on Monday 8th March with the same arrangements in place that worked well during the Autumn term. However, we will, of course, respond to government guidance if this changes in the meantime. General safety guidance including about reducing mixing between groups, avoiding sharing of resources, social distancing for adults, hand washing and cleaning frequently touched surfaces will remain in place.

Our current safety arrangements are;

1. To reduce the numbers of adults on the school grounds, **one parent** with children in eligible groups should arrive at the front entrance of the school between 8:40 – 8:45 and use the 2m markers for socially distanced queuing along the driveway adjacent to the village hall.
2. Parents should drop off **children in Y1 – Y6 at the main entrance**, and leave the premises via the one way system using the path adjacent church.
3. Parents of children in **YR** should follow the one way system round the school building, drop off their children **at the entrance to Owlet Classroom** and leave via the narrow path down the side of Panda Classroom, before joining the path adjacent church.
4. Children will be grouped in three *bubbles*: YR, Y1 and Y2 in one group, Y3 and Y4 in another and the third group being Y5 and Y6. Outdoor playtimes for all pupils and some afternoon lessons for younger children (for example PE and music) and will take place in these bubbles. Children will play in a designated zone of the school grounds; play equipment will be allocated to each *bubble* weekly and only shared within it.
5. Children of all ages will have a minimum of 90 minutes physical activity timetabled daily (3 sessions). However, to reduce items being taken back and forth between home and school, separate **PE kits are not required**. Instead, an amended school uniform will be in place for this period. All pupils (girls and boys) should wear **school polo shirts, school sweatshirts/school cardigans, comfortable dark (blue or black) trousers suitable for physical activity** (e.g. joggers, leggings) **or shorts** and **black no logo trainers**. **A pair of black plimsolls is required for indoor wear**; these will remain in school throughout the term. **School shoes are not required for the Spring Term**.
6. So that all children can spend the day with reduced mixing, **lunches will be eaten in classrooms**, supervised by class teachers. **Hot lunches and packed lunches will be available from Aspens and may be ordered in the usual way**; we encourage parents to use this facility. Children may bring in their own packed lunches. **All children should bring in a named water bottle**.
7. **School reading books** (in their named plastic wallets) may be borrowed weekly on **Mondays and returned** (in their named plastic wallets) to **classrooms on Fridays**.

8. Pupils will sit forward facing at tables in class; packed lunches, coats and water bottles will be stored under desks in flexi tubs. **Children should not bring in anything else from home.**
9. Children will **wash their hands frequently** with soap and water for 20 seconds and dry them thoroughly: on arrival at school; before eating; and after playtimes/ physical activity.
10. **Children of all ages will exit via the main school entrance at 3:20**; parents should queue as for drop off and siblings will be called when their parents are at the front of the queue.
11. Pupils or staff members who develop a coronavirus symptom at school will be isolated in the old library and then sent home. **Please check that the school office has up to date contact details for emergency contacts.**

We expect these changes to remain in place until Easter, however, as you would expect, we will respond to changes in government guidance as necessary.

If you have any questions about any aspect of these arrangements, please email me direct head.3801@checkendon.oxon.sch.uk or ring me at school on 01491 680693; I'll do my best to help.

Thank you for all you have done to support your child's learning and for helping us to keep the school community as safe as possible. I very much look forward to seeing you and your children back at school on Monday – and, hopefully, to better times ahead for us all!

Warm regards,

Gillian Seymour

Head Teacher