



Cossington C.E. Primary School

'Care, Significance, Purpose'

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Dear Parents,

We are now a week away from all children returning to school and everyone at school is looking forward to once again bring learning back into the classroom. It has been an amazing effort by our whole school community to keep learning going over the past two months and I want to take this opportunity to thank you all again for your hard work and support of the home learning we have been providing. This lockdown has shown me that strong relationships between the school and the families we serve are so important, and I believe these relationships are a real strength of our community. In the next few weeks I will be sending out our annual survey to parents and will be including some questions on home schooling to get some feedback on what has gone well and things that could be improved should we need to teach this way in the future. Your feedback will be really valued at this point.

How School Will Be Made Safe

When we return next Monday, the school will still be running a range of safety measures to protect the whole school community. The risk assessments and plans for keeping safe will be, in the main, the same as last term and the key points for parents to note are listed below.

1. The children will be taught in class bubbles. These bubbles will have their own learning and play spaces and will not mix with other bubbles. We do ask that parents continue to support this measure by not mixing children outside of school.
2. We will return to a staggered drop and collection system. The timings and locations for these are shown in the table below. Those of you with children being dropped off and collected at different times should aim to arrive at school as close to the middle of the two times as possible (8:55 for drop off and 3:20 for collection)

Class	Drop off time	Collection time	Location
Acorns	8:45	3:15	Lower Playground
Seedlings	8:55	3:25	Lower Playground
Saplings	8:45	3:15	Upper Car Park
Oaks	8:55	3:25	Upper Car Park

3. All adults dropping off or collecting children should wear a face mask and distance from each other as much as possible. Please do not remain on the school premises during these times of the day for any longer than is necessary. We want to avoid large gatherings at either end of the school day.

4. We will be asking the children to regularly wash hands and use hand sanitiser at certain points in the day.

5. There will be an enhanced cleaning regime in place with key surfaces being cleaned through the day.

How Parents Can Help

You can help keep the community safe by supporting the points above and by following all of the government guidance on protecting yourself from COVID 19. If anyone in your household shows symptoms, then we ask you to isolate as a family until their test results come back. **Please do not send any child to school with a persistent cough, high temperature or loss of taste and smell.** If any of these symptoms develop at school, please be prepared to collect your child and take them for a test.

Further Home Learning

I am hopeful that this will be the final school closure and there will be no need for any further online learning. However, there is still a high chance that there may be children who need to isolate or further bubble closures at school whilst the vaccine continues to be rolled out and the country moves back towards normality. If your child needs to learn at home due to an imposed isolation, then our home learning plan shows how this will be achieved. This plan can be downloaded from the school website for full details.

Returning to School

Getting the children back into school next Monday is fantastic news and I am sure they will be pleased to be back amongst their friends. We will, of course, be spending some time resettling the children back into school over the first few days and then will be assessing where the children are in their learning. I am anticipating a period of time where we must again focus on the key areas of reading, writing and maths to catch up some lost learning time. However, I am hopeful that our home learning provision has meant this lost learning will not take too long to address.

When we reopen on 8th March, the school will return to many of the usual rules and routines. Hot lunches will be available to be ordered in the usual way and all children should wear full school uniform. Homework will begin being sent out again from Monday, 15th March via the Seesaw App and children will be given reading books to take home. Please also make sure children have PE kits available on the usual PE days.

Returning Equipment and Books

Many of you have borrowed laptops or other equipment from the school to support home learning. Please make sure this is brought back to school on 8th March or as close to that date as possible. Lots of this equipment is used by children in class regularly and we will need it to support learning from the first week back. The equipment can be given to your child's class teacher.

And Finally...

If you have any questions about the return to school, then please contact us in any of the usual ways. School staff will be happy to talk to you about the planned return and any worries you have related to this. I am optimistic that this return to school is a step towards normality and hope you are all feeling as positive about this. I look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning.

Yours faithfully,

M. Yandell

Head Teacher.