

# CANON BURROWS C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY UNIT

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this letter finds you and your loved ones well.

We are excited to announce that we are planning to welcome Year 1 children back to school on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June and Reception children on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July. These are provisional dates and will be dependent upon parental feedback and working to overcome the logistics of the few remaining classrooms we have available in school due to the high demand for critical worker places. We will continue to support those children who are not able or choose not to return to school in June or July through our programme of online and home learning.

Your children will be offered a part time place at school for two days per week. Until we have a clear picture of demand for places we will be unable to confirm the days your child will be offered.

Before we outline many of the precautions school are putting in place to ensure the safety of the children and staff we wanted to try and reassure you that despite all the different routines and procedures in place staff are working extremely hard to think of creative and imaginative ways to ensure that the fun, varied and exciting learning which Canon Burrows prides itself on can still take place, under new guidance. We are prioritising the safety and emotional wellbeing of the children initially to make sure they have a safe, calm and positive return to the school. Some of the ways we are doing this include:

- Moving learning outside where the risk is much lower, wherever this is possible.
- Fun activities to emphasise the importance of handwashing and respiratory hygiene
- Physical activities that can be enjoyed with social distancing in place
- Time to talk and share positive memories and worries
- Continuing our My Happy Mind learning programme
- A thorough and varied programme of transition activities.

As stated in our previous letter stringent precautions will be put in place to ensure the safety of our school community, and to support social distancing measures. We wanted to outline in a little more detail what some of these precautions would look like for children returning to school. Once you have digested these yourself, we would then ask you to talk to your child about how school will be different, to support transition back to school.

- Children will be arranged into groups or 'bubbles' which have a maximum number of 10. Each group will be allocated two members of staff whom will remain with them throughout the duration of the school week. For this reason children will not necessarily be with their class teacher or within their usual classrooms.
- Children will be asked to arrive and depart school at times which are staggered. This is to prevent any congestion at the school gates and within the school building itself, as well as travel to and from school.
- Only one parent should accompany and pick up children to and from school, and should arrive and depart as swiftly as possible. The staff carpark will be closed to all vehicles to allow for social distancing to take place.
- Families should avoid using public transport and where possible should walk or cycle to school to avoid parking and traffic congestion around the school grounds.



- Children will be given their own desk and pack of resources in school which will remain theirs for the duration of this phase.

Children will remain in their classrooms, or be outside (weather dependent) to eat lunch. We ask that all children, except those in receipt of Free School Meals bring a packed lunch to school with them each day. This should also include a full water bottle. Unfortunately, school cannot provide cups at this time.

- Children will have staggered break and lunch playtimes, in designated areas of the school playground. Unfortunately, it is not possible for the different 'bubbles' of children to play together and the usual range of play equipment will not be available, there will be a limited amount for each bubble which will be cleaned after each session.
- 'Bubbles' of children will have designated toilet facilities which will be used by one pupil at a time.
- An 'outdoor' learning timetable will be implemented to move learning outside where possible as the risk is lower.
- The DFE guidance acknowledges that social distancing may not always be possible, therefore the school will prioritise the teaching of hand washing, catch it, bin it, kill it and will be scheduling additional cleaning throughout the school day.
- Children will be required to wash their hands regularly with soap, this will be completed in the classroom and hand sanitizer gel stations will also be stationed in all classrooms and strategically around the school building.
- Where first aid is required, this will be administered with staff using PPE (Personal, Protective, Equipment) for the safety of children and staff.
- Families should ensure that children come in clean uniform each day, removing and washing clothes each evening upon return from school.
- Any children displaying symptoms of Covid-19 will be isolated and sent home immediately.
- Where parents need to speak with a class teacher this should be done over the phone and by appointment. Please do not send notes in with your child.

**Most importantly, in order for school to remain open and a safe place we must insist that if your child feels unwell or is displaying any of the symptoms of Covid-19 (temperature, cough or a loss or smell or taste) you must NOT send your child into school.** Families should self-isolate. Children of all ages are now entitled to a test.

In order to continue to prepare our school and our staff for the safe return of pupils we are asking parents to commit to attendance in advance. This allows us to safely staff and resource the school. Please email to confirm or refuse child's place by emailing – [admin@canonburrows.co.uk](mailto:admin@canonburrows.co.uk) by 12 noon Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June.

Once we have collated pupil numbers we will be in contact regarding the days your child's group will be in attendance as well as their start and close times for each day.

We thank you for your continued patience and support in this matter. School staff are continuing to work through their holidays and bank holidays both on home learning and for the provision of critical worker children. I would like to thank them again, for their loyalty and commitment to making sure that our children can return to school in a safe way.

With best wishes

Miss Suzanne Fildes

Head teacher