



Cowes Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Monday 8th March Return – Full Opening

Following the announcement by the Government that all children should be returning to school from Monday 8th March, we are delighted to welcome all the children back from this date. We have once again outlined below the plans for Cowes Primary School, following the Government's Guidance, updated February 2021. Please be aware that this might change, depending on future Government decisions and Guidance. For your further information the Government has published guidance for parents/carers: 'What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak – updated February 2021,' on the GOV.UK website.

Please note that your child's attendance is compulsory from Monday 8th March 2021, any non-attendance will affect your child's attendance record and fixed penalty fines will be re-introduced, as stated in our Attendance Policy and in line with the Local Authority. If you have any concerns please contact the school.

All of the protocols that we have in place, are the same as they were from last September 2020.

Social Distancing/Hygiene

- Each class wherever possible, will be supervised by the same adults each week, and the children will not mix with other children out of their class
- Quest will be taught in class groups, not mixed age groups
- All children will be supervised doing regular handwashing throughout the day
- All surfaces, equipment will be cleaned throughout the day
- In Early Years and Key Stage 1 it is unrealistic to expect the children to be able to follow Social Distancing, however this will be encouraged when and where possible
- In Key Stage 2 the children will be sitting at forward facing tables, when appropriate, Social Distancing at all times is unrealistic but will be encouraged when and where possible

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- Children will have their own stationery and water bottles
- Shared resources in the class will be used but cleaned regularly
- There will be limited movement around the school
- Distancing will not be expected when the children are outside within their class groups, during breaktimes or sporting activities
- If a child needs First Aid, staff will use disposable gloves, as they already do
- If a child develops symptoms whilst at school of Covid 19, they will be separated from the others and supervised by a member of staff – in this case PPE will be available for the staff member
- Parents of children in the younger age groups will be expected to send in spare clothing in case of accidents!
- The start and end of the day will be staggered, to support distancing, as will the break and lunchtimes (see below)
- Crew Club will re-open for before and after school clubs from Monday 8th March. Children from different classes will be distanced when and where possible, depending on numbers and staffing
- We will continue to provide school lunches, classes will not be mixing with other classes in the hall or outside

Things for you to please remember / to do:

- Keep to the dropping off and picking up times at the designated points to avoid crowds forming at the entrances and **please remember social distancing**. Staff will meet the children in the morning and wait with them at the end of the day from these points for you to drop off and pick up
- Provide a named pencil case with equipment for your child – including pencils, coloured pencils, ruler and rubber
- Children to please bring in their own named water bottle
- If you should require your child to wear a mask to and from school, please call for details on the process required. No masks are to be worn in school, unless in certain circumstances by staff, outlined in the Government Guidance
- We will post the updated Social Distancing Guidance on our website and the full daily timetable for your information
- Please ensure your child wears their PE kit on the days their class is doing PE/Games, plus Quest days where appropriate, further information regarding Quest activities are outlined below
- Please ensure **all** items of clothing are named

Lunches

- If you wish to order a jacket potato or roll for your child, a class box will be outside the front entrance, with slips for you to complete and place in the relevant class box (this replaces the one in the entrance)
- These need to be completed by 0930 daily - please try and bring your own pen/pencil

- If your child brings the slip into school with them, it will be collected from them and put in the appropriate box
- Please if possible, complete the slips for the week, rather than daily to support the kitchen

PE/Games Days

Sunfish (Reception)	Tuesday and Friday
Splash (Yr1)	Tuesday and Wednesday
Pico (Yr2)	Monday and Tuesday
Star (Yr3)	Monday and Tuesday
Laser Mrs Groves (Yr 4/5)	Monday and Wednesday
Contender Mrs Bevan (Yr 4/5)	Monday and Wednesday
Optimist (Yr6)	Tuesday and Wednesday

Drop Off and Pick Up Timetable (as before)

Class	Start of the School Day	Start of School Day Location	Pick up Time	Pick up Time Location
Sunfish (as per staggered entry information)	9am	Hall Exit	3pm	Hall Exit
Splash	9am	Front Door	3pm	Front Door
Pico	8.50am	Hall Exit	2.50pm	Hall Exit
Star	8.50am	Front Door	2.50pm	Front Door
Laser	8.40am	Front Door	2.40pm	Front Door
Contender	8.40am	Blackberry Lane	2.40pm	Blackberry Lane
Optimist	8.50am	Blackberry Lane	2.50pm	Blackberry Lane

Quest

For the three weeks up until Easter, each class will be doing Quest within their class bubbles, further details will be sent out separately. A full new Quest activity programme will begin after Easter, details will follow.

We very much look forward to welcoming the children back to school. We will of course, once again, do our very best to continue to support your children and help them adjust to being back in school.

With thanks,

Mrs S J Praetig
Headteacher