



Cowes Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

1st June Phased Return

Following the announcement by the Government that some year groups should be returning to school from the 1st June, we have outlined the plans for Cowes Primary School. Please be aware that this might change, depending on future Government decisions and Guidance.

Each of the year groups, **Early Years, Year 1 and Year 6**, will be divided into two groups, to ensure that in line with the Government Guidance, there should be no more than 15 children in each group. Group 1 from each year group will attend school Monday and Tuesday and Group 2 will attend on Thursday and Friday each week. This is in addition to the Group(s) for Vulnerable and Key Workers' children. The reason for this decision is as follows:

- Staffing – ensuring we have enough staff to cover each group
- Limited toilet and cloakroom facilities mean that 2 groups would have had to share these – making cleaning very challenging throughout the day
- A deep clean will be undertaken on Wednesday, in readiness for Group 2, then again on Friday after school

Please note that your child's attendance is not compulsory and this will not affect your child's attendance record during this time if you choose not to send your child(ren) to school.

Social Distancing/Hygiene

- Each group will be supervised by the same adults each week and the children will not mix out of their group
- The groups will each have a maximum of 15 children in them
- All children will be supervised doing regular handwashing throughout the day
- All surfaces, equipment will be cleaned throughout the day

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- In Early Years and Year 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 Year 6 the children will be sitting at separate tables, following the Guidelines, and will have their own pack of stationary
- There will be limited movement around the school
- However, the same level of distancing will not be expected when the children are outside, during breaktimes or sporting activities, again as per Government Guidance
- 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
- **In order to undertake a thorough deep clean and prepare the school, we will be closed during the half term (including Crew Club)**

Children Currently Attending School (Vulnerables and Key Worker children)

If your child/ren are currently attending school and they are in Early Years, Year 1 or Year 6, you will need to decide if they are going into their Year group for two days only a week OR if they will be attending as they have been. They cannot swap groups during the week as we must maintain the 'bubble' as outlined by the Government. We realise that this will be a difficult decision, but again, we need to follow the official Guidelines.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school, however we need to point out that it will be a different experience for them, due to the current situation. We will of course do our very best to support your children and help them adjust to the 'new normal' for the time being.

We will send out much more detailed information regarding the groups, times, lunches, drop off and collection points etc. once we know how many children are coming into school from the week beginning Monday 1st June.

It is essential if you have not already contacted us that you please return the form below via email by the **latest 3pm on Thursday 21st May**, in order for us to prepare.

With thanks,

Could you please confirm whether you child/ren will be attending Cowes Primary School on the 1st June by **3pm on Thursday 21st May.**

Name of Child/ren: _____ Attending Yes/No

Year Group(s)_____