



Cowes Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

September Return – Full Opening

Following the announcement by the Government that all children should be returning to school from the beginning of September, we have outlined below the plans for Cowes Primary School, following the Government's 'Guidance for full opening – schools' July 2020. 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,' on the GOV.UK website.

Please note that your child's attendance is compulsory from September, 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.

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 hand washing 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 encouraged when and where possible
- In Key Stage 2 the children will be sitting at forward facing tables, Social Distancing at all times is unrealistic but will be encouraged when and where possible
- Children will have their own stationary and water bottles
- Shared resources in the class will be used but cleaned regularly
- There will be limited movement around the school

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- Distancing will not be expected when the children are outside within their class groups, during break times 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 September. 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:

- Stick to the dropping off and picking up times at the designated points to avoid crowds forming at the entrances. 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 to follow in September
- 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

- If your child is in Sunfish (Early Years), you will need to select their choice of lunch on the Sunfish Lunch sheets (not just for roll or jacket) and place in the box before 0930. This is because Sunfish will be eating their lunch in the classroom so children will not be choosing their lunch in the hall
- 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

Class	Start of the School Day	Start of School Day Location	Pick up Time	Pick up Time Location
Sunfish (after staggered entry)	0900	Hall Exit	3pm	Hall Exit
Splash	0900	Front Door	3pm	Front Door
Pico	0850	Hall Exit	2.50pm	Hall Exit
Star	0850	Front Door	2.50pm	Front Door
Laser	0840	Front Door	2.40pm	Front Door
Contender	0840	Blackberry Lane	2.40pm	Blackberry Lane
Optimist	0850	Blackberry Lane	2.50pm	Blackberry Lane

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

With thanks,



Mrs S J Praetig
Headteacher