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Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find the details for the wider school opening of Dartington Primary School and Nursery from the 8th of March 2021. With the latest guidance, there are very few changes to the protocols in place before Christmas, so hopefully the children will not feel any big changes when they return.

We are delighted that all children will return to their class bubbles. These bubbles will mix at playtimes as they did before for social interactions with their friends. All bubbles will be monitored for Track and Trace purposes so that in the event of a positive case, we can close bubbles accordingly.

I have put some of the key details in this letter for your ease. The full parent risk assessment can be found here on our website

https://www.dartington.devon.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Dartington-Parent-Risk-Assessment_March-2021_Wider-Opening-of-Schools-25.02.2021.pdf

Protective Measures: Fact Sheet for Parents

What are the school Hours?

The school will reopen as usual.

08:40: The school gates will open to welcome families into school.

09:00: The school gates will close. After 09:00, parents will be asked to sign their children in at the office and the children will walk to their classrooms.

For safety reasons, parents are unable to come onsite to accompany their children to class after 09:00.

15:00: The school gates will reopen to collect EYFS and Nursery children. To reduce numbers crowding on the playground, any siblings in older classes will be able to leave at this time too. Classes 1-6 finish at 15:15.

15:20: The school gates will be closed.

Will we be able to have wrap around care?

Because the current guidance still remains 'Stay at home where possible', After School Club (ASC) and Breakfast Club (BC) are only able to open for the key workers who need it.

Due to the protection of staff who are Clinically Vulnerable, we have a reduced staffing number in ASC which means we have **a limit of 15 children** until Easter. We will only be able to have 15 children in ASC at one time. These places will be first come, first served.

Any attendance to BC or ASC **must be pre booked** and paid for via the School Gateway App at least one week before attending. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept any last minute requests that are not pre booked. A register will be available daily for track and trace purposes.



Dartington C of E Primary School and Nursery is proud to be working in a Management Partnership with the Learning Academy Partnership



Can my child have a hot school lunch?

Our Kitchen team will continue to provide hot meals daily to those who wish to have one. To avoid any problems with your child's food, we recommend that they are ordered in advance through the School Gateway App.

We may be unable to provide a meal of choice, if not ordered in advance.

What are expectations of attendance?

From the 8th of March 2021, all children are now required to attend.

The government is expecting all children who attend to do so full time. Therefore, the usual attendance strategies will be back in place for all schools nationally, including penalties for non-attendance, following Local Authority protocols.

What will drop off and pick up look like? How will you ensure adults socially distance?

Only one adult should collect and drop off each day to reduce risk of crowding.

The national guidance requires all adults to stay 2m apart. There are yellow 2m lines painted on the floor where crowds can build. We may ask you to wait on these if there is a build-up of people arriving at once.

We ask that you follow the one way system in place for yours and the rest of our community's safety. Please understand that this may take a little bit longer so we ask you to prepare for this.

Please do not enter the classrooms. The teachers will aim to be on the door to welcome all children coming in. However, in the event of a teacher being busy with another child or parent, please wait or email into the school and the teacher will contact you as soon as they can.

What does my child need to bring to school?

To mitigate risk to our pupils and families, we have a list of items required for the school day:

1. packed lunch boxes (if they have not ordered a school dinner)
2. PE kit
3. Forest school kit
4. a reading book
5. a water bottle (please find parents handbook on our website [DARTINGTON PARENT HANDBOOK](#))

These may all be brought in a bag. The PE kit and Forest school kit should be kept in school at all times and sent home for cleaning when needed.

Any items outside of this list will be kept safe by the teacher and handed back to parents at the end of the day.

Please support us by not allowing any toys to be brought in at any time.



What happens if a child or adult starts coughing or displaying other COVID symptoms?

As before, if a child or adult in a class starts coughing, we will call the parents immediately and ask you to collect them.

Upon collection, parents are asked to phone 111 and organise a PCR test. Once the test results are returned, they must notify the school.

If the test is positive, national guidelines state that you should isolate for 10 full days from the test result. Family members must also isolate for 10 days and get a test if they begin to show symptoms themselves.

If it is negative, they may return to school as soon as they are well enough.

Remote learning will be set for any children who cannot attend school, who are well, but having to isolate due to family members testing positive. Remote learning will not be set for children who are unwell.

Thank you all. Your feedback throughout and careful reading of the guidance has been amazing. It has really helped to keep our school family as safe as they can be. We really look forward to coming back together and will continue to work together to make the remainder of the Spring term as 'normal' as we can for the children.

Warm wishes
Mrs Huish

Headteacher