



Tuesday 1st September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was great to see you at today's Zoom meeting. For those of you who could not make it, here is a quick recap of what was discussed about school reopening on Thursday this week.

- Class 1 and 2 (Early Years and KS1) are forming a bubble and will use the main school gates to access school and for pick up at the end of the day.
- As part of the risk assessment, parents are not allowed to access school without a prior appointment so we ask that you bring your child to school between 8.50am and 9 am (unless in a pre-arranged breakfast club) where a member of staff will greet them in the playground.
- The updated school risk assessment is available on the school website.
- Children will start school on a part time basis for the first 3 weeks and will begin full time as from Monday 21st September. Please note the school day will finish at 3.15pm. Nursery children can stay for full days as from the 21st September. Please let us know the days you would like your Nursery child to attend.
- At the end of the day, we will make sure we are in the playground promptly to allow parents with children in different year groups to collect their younger children first before making their way to the school gate at the bottom end of the field to collect older children. Please make sure you and your children follow current social distancing guidelines at these times.
- The bell will ring at 9 am each morning and the school day will begin. We will endeavour to keep the day as normal as possible, focusing in the first instance on establishing routines and making sure all children are happy and settled as soon as possible
- Uniform is optional at this current time. If anything changes, you will be informed in good time. Please ensure your child is dressed in appropriate, weather dependent clothing and footwear as Class 1 will do lots of outdoor learning, with regular daily laps and outdoor learning opportunities wherever possible.
- Children will be allowed to bring a bag in to school for the purposes of carrying reading books and a reading record (when we get going with this) a water bottle, and a healthy snack. No other items are permitted in school at this current time. Our show and tell sessions will concentrate on speaking and listening, and parents can always email photographs of anything their child would like to show to the class if they wish to.
- Parents have access to use Tapestry, the online learning journal for their child. Please do start using this again, and post any photographs and comments of things your child enjoys doing at home with you. We will be adding photographs and observations of your child whilst they are at school, so please do log in to your account.
- **Class 1 will have two PE sessions each week – one on a Monday afternoon and one on a Thursday afternoon. Please could your child come dressed ready for P.E. on these days with appropriate footwear (trainers with velcro fastenings are the most sturdy to wear all day) and clothing on these days. We will try and do P.E. outdoors where possible.**
- Please let us know who will be collecting your child and please inform the office of any changes.
- The school dinner menu is similar to last year and can be accessed via the school website from next week. For Thursday this week, the menu is pasta and for Friday it is fish bites, potato wedges and beans. Children can choose a sandwich or baked potato as an alternative but please let the office know in advance.
- **If you have any concerns about anything please contact me in the first instance via email on kathryn.grayson@castlecarrock.cumbria.sch.uk and I will get in touch with you at the first available opportunity.**