

Chilton Academy and Nursery

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Covid 19 – Plan for phased wider opening for Reception children – from Monday 15th June

Dear **Reception** Parent/Carers,

I know that many of you will have thought long and hard about whether or not to return your child to school – and I want to reassure you that a lot of thought and effort has gone into ensuring that the classrooms, play areas, timetables and procedures across the day mean that we can do this as safely as possible.

School does not look as it normally would; some areas are locked up or taped off as 'out of bounds'. Lots of toys, resources and equipment are stored away. We have put some photos of the inside of the Reception and Year 1 classrooms on our Twitter Page on the school website home page – and you may wish to share these with your child/children and talk about how school will be different to reassure them prior to their return onto the academy site. We are very aware that some of our children may experience anxiety in separating from their parents after such a long time being at home – and may be worried about how classrooms will look and 'feel'.

For this reason, in our first week back – we will **only** be opening for **Monday 15th June** and **Tuesday 16th June**.

Beginning of the school day –

Please bring your child to the **KS1 entrance facing New South View between 9:00am and 9:10am. Please line up - socially distancing by 2M - to the left of the gate.** Staff will be present to guide children into school. The entrance and movement around the building into the classroom is very clearly marked.

Please note that times will be strictly adhered to and that a child who arrives late will, unfortunately, not be admitted on to the school site for that day.

- All children must be brought to school and collected each day by **only 1 adult**. (This can be a different person in the morning to the afternoon).
- Parents **will not** be permitted to enter the school building without prior arrangement and only in exceptional circumstances.
- All children should come in freshly laundered clothing daily. No school uniform is required.
- All children should bring a full, named water bottle for their own personal use daily, lunch box if applicable and **no other items**.
- We advise that all water bottles and lunch boxes are thoroughly washed / wiped over with anti-bacterial spray when children arrive home.
- Although the Government does not advise the use of PPE, we will allow children to wear face-masks etc should parents wish them to do so.
- Staff will wear PPE if a child has personal needs that need attending to ie. nappy-changing / first aid. Children will need to be gently made aware of this by parents in advance please.



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- Any child showing symptoms of Covid19 **should not attend school** and parents should seek medical advice via the 111 Service.
- All pupils will have their temperatures taken daily with an infrared thermometer, 30 minutes after their entry into the school, to ensure that they do not have a fever. All staff are similarly checked prior to opening school doors for children each day.
- All pupils will be supervised to handwash thoroughly at the beginning of every day and at points during the course of the day.
- Tissues will be available in each classroom. Pupils will be reminded to follow the guidance 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it, and avoid touching their faces, noses etc whilst at school. They will also be encouraged to cough and sneeze into their elbow and away from the direction of other pupils and staff.
- Pupils and staff presenting with symptoms at any point during the school day will be isolated in the isolation room – monitored by a member of staff - and parents/next of kin contacted.
- Windows and doors will be opened to allow natural ventilation during the school day.
- Where possible, teaching activities will be carried out in the outdoor areas of the school.
- A robust cleaning regime will be in place.
- The academy will reserve the right to remove the offer of a place in school to any child who is found not to be socially distancing outside of school hours (playing out with groups of friends etc) as this could potentially introduce infection.
- Similarly, any child who knowingly does not comply with social distancing whilst they are within the school building will also automatically forfeit their place.

At the end of the school day –

The school day **will end at 2:30pm** for Reception Bubble. Parents are requested to wait for children to the left of the KS1 entrance, ensuring that they are socially distancing. Staff will bring children out one at a time for parents to collect.

Frequently Asked Questions –

- What should I do if any members of my household display symptoms of Covid 19 once my child is back in school?**

Parents/carers are advised to report to the school any symptoms of Covid19 that their household may have. Where children or a member of your household displays symptoms of the virus, ensure they follow the **Guidance for Households**. Pupils displaying symptoms will not be permitted into school until a **7 day isolation is completed**.

- What happens if my child becomes ill at school?**

We have organised an isolation space that will be used to quarantine pupils until parents/carers come and collect their children. Staff will have appropriate PPE in this instance. If your child is in a 'learning bubble' where a child or staff member becomes ill, then the whole 'learning bubble' will be asked to **isolate for 7 days**.

- What should I do if my child is going to be absent from school?**

Please follow the usual school procedures for sickness absence; contact the school office and explain the reason for their absence. Where pupils are absent and school does not receive a phone call from parents/carers, then school will follow their usual procedures to ascertain the reason for the absence.



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- ***What happens if school believe that a family is not self-isolating or obeying the 'Stay Alert' guidance?***

The rate of infection in the North East is still very high and this will only begin to come down if guidance is followed. The Risk Assessments that have been shared and agreed by Governors, the Trust Board and the Local Authority, include refusing a place to children who we know are not self-isolating. We are also obliged to contact the police if we are aware that children wanting a place at school are not following this guidance. Obviously, this is not a situation that we want to be placed in – therefore we suggest that if you have been socialising with families outside of your household (including staying over at a grandparent's home) then it may not be appropriate for you to send your child back to school to mix with families and staff that have been in isolation.

Once again, I would like to thank you all for your support during these difficult times. We are **really** looking forward to having at least **some** of our children back into school and having some real sense of normality and purpose again.

If you have any further questions or queries between now and next Monday, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the main school office on the usual number – or via email.

We look forward to seeing you and your child on Monday 15th June between 9am and 9:10am.

With warmest regards to you all,

Mrs. A. Pybus-Coates and all staff
Headteacher

