



Collingwood Primary School

Friday 3rd July 2020

Dear Collingwood Family member,

We very much look forward to seeing all of our pupils again at our "meet the teacher" days over the next two weeks. You should have heard from us today about drop off and collection times and days, if not, please contact us. **Don't forget that the big reveal is this Sunday at 5pm, on your child's existing class web page.**

Arrangements over the next two weeks:

E.Y.F.S. and Year 1, will "meet the teacher" on Tuesday 7th or Friday 10th July and **this will be their last day of term.** (Days and entrances as now, but arrive at 9am, and leave at 3.00pm)

Year 2: Use the Collingwood Road gate in the hedge, (not the main gate) Pupils will "meet the teacher" on **one of** Monday 13th or Thursday 16th July and this will be their last day of term. Arrive at 9.00am and leave at 3.00pm.

Year 3: 3HB Use the side gate at the top of Benbow Drive, onto the playground, 3OK Use the car park gate. Pupils will "meet the teacher" on **one of** Monday 13th or Thursday 16th July and this will be their last day of term. Arrive at 9.15am leave at 3.20pm.

Year 4: Use the side gate at the top of Benbow Drive. Pupils will "meet the teacher" on **one of** Monday 13th or Thursday 16th July and this will be their last day of term. Arrive at 9.00am leave at 3.00pm.

Year 5: Use the car park gate. Pupils will "meet the teacher" on **one of** Monday 13th or Thursday 16th July and this will be their last day of term. Arrive at 9.00am leave at 3.00pm

Year 6: **Tuesday 7th or Friday 10th July will be their last day of term.** Please do not bring party poppers, streamers etc and expect to be in the playground after school...this is a cleaning and social distancing nightmare for us! Please keep your party poppers for the Leavers Disco we have promised you at some point in the future!

Critical Worker pupils: (arrive and leave as now) **CHANGE:** Now that we know bubbles will include the entire class in September, Key worker pupils will be able to spend the whole of their Meet the Teacher day with their new teacher and peers. Please check that your child is in school on the correct day. School remains open from now until Friday 17th July when school will close for the summer holidays.

What's new this week:

We finally received the Government's guidance on how schools will look in September, yesterday and are busy updating our risk assessment. **I will give more information on how this will look at Collingwood, when I have had time to plan but here are some of the main headlines:**

Attendance in September: The Government expects all pupils to return to school, full time therefore it is important for you to know that attendance will become mandatory again including:

1. parents' duty to secure that their child attends regularly at school - schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence
2. the availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct

Social Distancing from September: The DFE recognises that many primary pupils will not be able to do this. Bubble sizes can include the whole class or year group but bubbles will not mix so no assemblies, playtimes, lunch together etc. Start and finish times, breaks and lunchtimes will be staggered. Children will not move outside of their classrooms much. Children will be sat, side by side, facing their teacher ie in rows. Staff are allowed to move between bubbles if required.

Home Learning: Our Collingwood 101 Challenge/Sports Day has really taken off with worldwide interest and more than 15 schools taking up our challenge! We love your photos...have you seen ours? (If you decide to upload video clips or photos of your child on your own Twitter, don't forget to add #cip2020 and @Collingwoodprim so that we and all of our followers, get to see them.) **Thanks to those parents who retweeted/liked/added to our list of sports celebrities that we have been pestering for a message...keep going next week! We have already had messages from several organisations and a real live Olympian, a well-known footballer and a famous blogger so keep looking at the message section on our sports Day pages.**

Our new website pages aimed at pupils who are due to start school in E.Y.F.S. in September has now been published. Please direct any parents with toddlers towards the information here and put in a good word about how wonderful Collingwood is!

Reminders for children coming into school for the first time:

- Wear uniform and bring a filled, named water bottle.
- Bring as little into school as you need. (No book bags, packed lunch in disposable containers - school lunch can still be ordered.)
- Apply once a day sun cream before school.
- Travel by car, bike or on foot and socially distance at the entrance.
- Please be punctual. We have redeployed staff in order to make this offer to all pupils, who are only able to unlock gates at certain times.

Who should not attend school:

- Anyone who is "extremely clinically vulnerable". **(This changes on 1st August)**
- Anyone displaying symptoms or living with another person showing symptoms.
- Anyone who has been contacted by Track and Trace.
- Anyone awaiting test results.

If a child or adult shows symptoms:

- Anyone can now be tested, including the under 5s.
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>
- Any child or adult displaying symptoms at school, will be isolated and the adult treating them will put on a face mask and gloves. Parents will be called to collect. We will inform parents as directed, in line with the most current Government guidelines.

Social Distancing at School:

- Staff attempt to maintain social distancing in school but may choose to get closer to comfort children if they become distressed.
- Although it will be discouraged, pupils automatically touch someone to try to get their attention.
- Each child is sat at their own desk with their own equipment. Desks are spaced apart or in rows, with up to 15 pupils in each room. EYFS pupils are not sat at desks all day and whilst sharing is limited, it is impossible to eliminate.
- Whilst waiting, to drop off or collect, please ensure that you socially distance.

Adaptation to our Behaviour Policy: *(We have still not used this once...our pupils are amazing!)*

We are fully aware that most children are likely to forget to socially distance at some point. If children INTENTIONALLY do not adhere to social distancing, we will continue to use our yellow, orange card system as children already understand this. We will follow this procedure:

1. remind your child this is a rule to keep everyone safe.
2. speak to you in front of your child
3. issue a yellow card (Your child will lose 2 privileges at school - please show your disappointment)
4. issue an orange card (Your child will lose 4 privileges at school - please show your disappointment)
5. Your offer of on site schooling will be withdrawn due to unsafe behaviour towards others.

PPE and Cleaning:

- Staff and pupils will not routinely wear face coverings.
- Regular hand washing and "catch it, bin it, kill it," is encouraged throughout the day.
- Children are encouraged to share their fears about the virus and experiences during lockdown.
- On Wednesdays, school is open only for Critical Worker children only as the whole building is thoroughly cleaned. The same happens on Friday/Saturday .

- Staff wipe surfaces, handles, light switches etc regularly and each night and cleaners clean classrooms. Children are encouraged to clean some of their own belongings and are taught why this is important.

Support:

Free school meals: Vouchers continue to be sent out, and will carry on throughout the Summer break. If you wish to apply for free school meals, see www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals. Contact us if you have any questions about free school meals, vouchers or the food bank especially if your financial situation has recently changed, on 01245 322258. Families finding themselves needing support during the Summer break should contact Essex Child and Family Wellbeing service on 0300 247 0014 and they will be able to issue food vouchers.

Safeguarding: Please contact myself or Mrs Minister as Designated Safeguarding Leads, or any teacher if you are concerned about a child's safety or phone 999 in an emergency. Our updated Safeguarding and Child Protection policies are on the school website.

www.collingwoodschool.net

The Essex Family Support Service is available to families who are not already receiving support from specialist and statutory services. The aim is to support families to develop positive relationships, reduce risky behaviours, connect with peers and communities and resolve conflict. Families can self-refer <https://www.livewellcampaign.co.uk/essex-family-support-service/>

Parenting Together: Families can self-refer if they feel in need of support in resolving or managing conflict in their relationships. <https://www.parentingtogethersupportprogramme.org.uk/spring-2020/essex/current-services-in-essex>

The Children's Society website has some excellent information for parents regarding signs of **exploitation by gangs** <https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/what-is-county-line>

The **NSPCC** has some useful information about **grooming** on its website, including the signs, effects and how to report it. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/grooming/>

If you or your child inadvertently accesses **sexual abuse material online** it can be reported using the [Internet Watch Foundation website](http://www.internetwatchfoundation.org.uk).

If you are struggling with **home learning**, need help with a topic or subject, creating a routine, **dealing with behaviour** or managing the learning of several children this national parent helpline *is open six days a week and covers all areas of the curriculum across all phases of education. 0330 313 9162 (calls charged at local rate).*

Compass 24/7 Domestic Abuse helpline - 0330 333 7 444 providing information, advice and guidance to anyone who has concerns about family, friends or themselves who may be victims of Domestic Abuse

Educational Psychology Service Parent Helpline (Essex) 01245 433293 Mondays and Wednesday 1pm - 5pm (during term time)

Finally I can say..."See you all soon!".

Mrs Buckland-Garnett