



## Collingwood Primary School Newsletter Friday 26th February 2021

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At last, we know when we can all be back together again! Staff, including myself are so excited! I am afraid this is going to be a very long letter as I am going to attempt to answer as many of your questions about 8th March as possible!

Here is a summary of how the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday, affects Collingwood:

- **All Collingwood children are to return to full time school on Monday 8th March.** Attendance is mandatory.
- Primary school staff continue to take two tests, each week, at home, to avoid coming into school if asymptomatic. Primary age pupils will not be tested.
- Face coverings will be worn by all adults (not pupils - this is only in secondary schools) where social distancing between adults is not possible, but not in the classroom unless they wish to.
- Class sizes are as normal, i.e. not in smaller groups. (This means that pupils will not necessarily be 2m apart from each other in class but adults will distance from pupils.)
- No educational visits will take place at this term.
- Clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) staff will continue to work from home. (If pupils are confirmed as clinically extremely vulnerable please inform Mrs De'Ath or Mrs Wraight in our office and provide us with a copy of your letter, as those pupils only should not be in school.)
- All before and after-school educational activities and wraparound childcare can be reinstated to support parents to work, attend education and access medical care, and to support pupil's wider education and training. Our sports coaches will contact you soon if they can offer a club. We will not be using "outsiders" to lead clubs yet.
- New government funding to aid pupil recovery is expected to be around £6,000 for Collingwood. We will let you know once we have assessed the pupils and know how this will be allocated.
- Summer schools are one suggestion made for how secondary schools might use their recovery funding. This may or may not affect our Year 6 pupils who will be moving on in July. Further information from the government on catch up and recovery can be found here [New education recovery package for children and young people - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-education-recovery-package-for-children-and-young-people)

### Measures we have put in place, in preparation:

- children currently in school have moved to separate year groups this week to allow for 10 days separation so that they can join their classmates on 8th March. **This means that we have had to increase onsite staffing so there may be slight changes to remote live sessions as a result.**
- Our whole school risk assessment is being reviewed but is expected to be similar to what was in place in December as this worked well.
- Our 7 til 7 Club will open on 8th March and staff are reviewing their risk assessments. This will be for mixed bubbles so parents using this risk increased possibility of isolation. Staff will be in contact soon.

- We are speaking to our Sports Coaches about what clubs can be offered and how we can run these within the covid secure guidelines. Sports coaches will communicate with relevant year group parents once agreed.
- Mr Caton is drawing new 2m lines on the playground to allow more pupils to wait inside the gates.
- I am informing you all about the new arrangements.

#### **Arrangements for drop off and pick up from 8th March 2021:**

1. All adults on the playground, including parents, will be required to **wear face coverings**.
2. **Only one adult/parent** per child on the playground (only adults for pupils in yrs 1-3 should be on the playground for drop offs; see below.)
3. If you need to speak to a teacher, please email them if you do not need a prompt response or, if you do, ideally telephone but if not speak to someone at the main office. Do not expect teachers to talk at drop off or pick up times, getting children in and out quickly and safely is our priority.
4. **Please note that some of the gates and times have changed.** We are trying to get back to "normal school times" whilst keeping everyone safe as we genuinely believe this is good for pupils' mental health.
5. With more children on the playground at the same time it is vital that children, including toddlers do not run around but stay on lines as directed. **Anyone unable to keep their children with them, or any adult not wearing a face covering, will be asked to leave as it risks the safety of others and inconveniences other parents if we have to return to more staggered times.**
6. If your childrens' times clash, do not panic; Email your second/third class teacher before 8th March to let them know that you need to drop off another child first. We will soon get to know who you are and make allowances. For many of you, the new arrangements will enable you to see both children at once so you may even be able to leave more quickly.
7. If you arrive at a gate after the children have gone into the building, please stay where you are and ring 01245 322258 and someone will come to you!
8. If you would like your child to walk home alone please let teachers or office staff know before 8th March.

**RR:** Arrive at the main entrance and wait by the gate as before. Children will be met by staff at 9:00 am please collect at 3:10pm (shorter day as 20mins less outside)

**Year 1P:** Adults and children to enter via the Collingwood Road gate in the hedge, stand 2m apart, on the playground lines as before. Staff will open doors at 8.50am. At 3:20pm adults should stand on the lines to collect children who will be sent out in the order that parents are standing. (normal length day)

**Year 2HB:** Adults and children to enter via the Collingwood Road gate in the hedge, stand 2m apart, on the new playground lines outside the classroom door with steps. Staff will open doors at 8.50am. At 3:20pm adults should stand on the lines to collect children who will be sent out in the order that parents are standing. (normal length day)

**Year 3CD:** Adults and children to enter via the Collingwood Road gate in the hedge, stand 2m apart, on the playground lines as before. Staff will open doors at 8.50am. At 3:20pm adults should stand on the lines to collect children who will be sent out in the order that parents are standing. (normal length day)

**Year 4OK:** children only enter the car park gate and wait on the lines on the right of the hedge, as before, adults to stay at the gate until children have entered the building please. Staff will open doors at 8.50am. At 3.20pm Miss O'keeffe will bring the children out and will let them walk to parents she can see outside the gate as she did before. (normal length day)

**Year 4M:** The gate will now be open. Children only should enter via the gate at the top of Benbow Drive and adults to stay outside the fence until children have entered the building. Children to wait 2m apart, on the playground lines outside the classroom door as before. Doors will open at 8.50am. At 3:20pm adults should stand on the same lines to collect and children will be sent out in the order that parents are standing. (normal length day)

**Year 5H:** The gate will now be open. Children only should enter via the gate at the top of Benbow Drive and adults to stay outside the fence until children have entered the building. Children to wait 2m apart, on the playground lines outside the classroom door as before. Doors will open at 8.50am. At 3:20pm adults should stand on the same lines to collect and children will be sent out in the order that parents are standing. (normal length day) Mrs Hardwick will send out children who she has been informed can walk themselves home, first.

**Year 6O:** children only enter the car park gate and wait on the new lines to the left of the bike store and line up along the path with the bike store on their right, adults to stay at the gate until children have entered the building please. Staff will open doors at 8.50am. At 3.20pm Mrs Outhwaite will send out children who she has been informed can walk themselves home, first followed by the child of anyone she can see standing outside the gate. (normal length day)

#### **Other things you need to know about full reopening:**

- Summer or winter uniform is ok.
- Trainers or non slip footwear must be worn to enable safe outside play without changing.
- For now, children will continue to wear PE kits on their PE days. Please note that hall use is still limited so we will go outside in all weathers including light rain so a coat, tracksuit, leggings or joggers, preferably black, may be required.
- Timings of playtimes are not flexible to avoid crowding on the playground therefore your child will get wet if it rains and they have not got a coat! We have not got staffing or extra rooms to let them stay inside.
- Bookbags, water bottles, lunchboxes and coats are needed for all pupils, every day. No other bags...we do not have room, these will be left outside if brought to school.
- Lunches can be ordered for any number of days, the menu is available to view on the school website. Our kitchen has been up and running all year. All children will be eating in classrooms so that halls can be used for other activities.
- Pupils in Years 2-6 will sit in rows, next to each other. Younger pupils will move freely but not mix with other class bubbles.

Enjoy science week next week and our very exciting World Book Day activities click here to find out more <https://themaskedReader.collingwood.school/> I very much look forward to seeing you all face to face, very, very soon!

Mrs A Buckland-Garnett

*If you think we are doing a good job, please tell Ofsted by clicking here [Give your views](#)*

We regularly email free school meals voucher information to parents. If you think you are eligible and have not heard from us, please email [admin@collingwood.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@collingwood.essex.sch.uk)

#### **Governor News**

Our Governing Body has its own page on our website. (Click on the link top right) Our Statement of Governance, which details the membership, attendance and work carried out by our Governing Body is available to view on our school website. Our policies can be found, on our school website, on the policies page at [www.collingwoodschool.net](http://www.collingwoodschool.net)

**Remember that if a member of your household is symptomatic, the whole household must self-isolate until the test result is received. Pupils should not be in school whilst someone is waiting for results.**

## Dates for your diary

All dates can be found at [www.collingwoodschool.net](http://www.collingwoodschool.net) If school is ever closed, at short notice, it will appear on <http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Dates/Pages/Emergency-School-Closures.aspx> and the school website/twitter first and be announced on Essex FM and BBC Essex as soon as possible. Please avoid ringing the school as the phone is unlikely to be answered whilst we are organising staff!

Mon 1st-Friday 5th March.	Science Week
Fri 5th March	World Book Day
Mon 8th March.	All pupils return to school
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar - Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Easter Break
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	May Day
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> May	School Closed for Polling
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> May-Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Half Term
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day for pupils
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Non Pupil Days - school closed

School Closure days for 2021-2022 are not usually agreed by Governors before June. These will appear here and on our website calendar as soon as these have been agreed.

## other sources of information and support

Please remember the Family Support section on our website <https://family.collingwood.school/home> (see drop down section top left for different sections) which contains lots of national and local information on health, online safety, anxiety, dealing with bereavement, staring etc.

**Chelmsford Foodbank:** In order to obtain food, you need a voucher which can be accessed from the Child and Family Wellbeing Service <https://www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk> 0300 247 0014, Or Citizen's Advice <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/contact-us/contact-us/search-for-your-local-citizens-advice/local-citizens-advice-details/?serialnumber=100386> 01245 205579. You will then be able to collect food from the Foodbank centre or arrange for a delivery.

**Community and Family workshops for parents** are added weekly -so please keep checking <https://aclessex.com/community-family-learning-online/>

### Supporting children and young people:

- Supporting children and young peoples' mental health advice: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/>
- NSPCC; Mental health and parenting: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/mental-health-parenting/>
- Kids Inspire: <https://kidsinspire.org.uk/virtual-childrens-mental-health-therapy-for-those-most-in-need/> The service remains open and the team are continuing to support families right across the county. If you need to speak with one of the team, you can still do so on one of the phone numbers. A member of the team will be available Monday - Friday between 9am - 5pm.

- They are using safe online platforms to provide much needed therapy
- A very small number of the most vulnerable young people are currently receiving face to face therapy
- They are offering online consultation/support service for all key workers
- If it would help to speak to one of the qualified therapists please get in touch.
- Anna Freud Depression: Online Therapy Study. This study is evaluating an online self-guided treatment programme for young people (aged 16-18) with depression. The treatment they use in this research study is called I-PDT, which stands for Internet-based Psychodynamic Therapy.  
<https://www.annafreud.org/on-my-mind/get-involved/research-and-studies/depression-online-therapy-study/>