



# GERRANS CP SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Plans are now well under way for full reopening of schools within the Roseland MAT from September. As a staff we welcome this and are really looking forward to seeing everyone safely back to school.

There will however still be a few changes to fulfil Government advice to minimize the risk of Covid 19 infection. A full risk assessment for opening the school in September will be found on our school website after being Trustee approved next week, please take time to familiarise yourself with it and discuss it with your children before their return.

Some Key changes are listed below;

## Staggered Start and Finish Times

Nursery Start School 8.45 am and Finish at 11.45 am with no facilities for school lunch. Entry and exit via EYFS Playground

KS1 Start School 9am and Finish at 3pm Entry and exit via EYFS Playground

KS2 Start School 9.15am and Finish at 3.15pm entry and exit via the red gate.

On entry into the building all children will be required to wash their hands, there will be no playtime before school. When staff greet the children they will also ask how they are feeling. Any child feeling unwell will be asked to return home with their parent or carer. Parents are asked to respect social distancing with other families when dropping off and collecting their children. Parents are asked not to come into school unless they have a pre-arranged appointment. Parents are also asked to be punctual and keep to the 'bubbles' designated entrances and exits.





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## 'Bubbles'

Within school children will spend the school day in three distinct bubbles. Nursery, KS1 and KS2. Where possible these 'bubbles' will not come into contact with one another, which will mean separate lunch arrangements for KS1 and KS2 and no school lunch offered to Nursery children. School lunches will be provided as usual and these can be paid for weekly/termly/half termly in an envelope given to the class teacher by your child during registration, not through the school office please. Staff, however are permitted to work between 'bubbles'.

## Feeling Unwell

If a member of staff, parent or child has symptoms of Covid 19 they must not come to school and must arrange for a test immediately. This individual must self-isolate until the results of a test is known as well as anyone from the same household.

If a child displays symptoms within school, they will be sent home immediately and a test must be arranged by the parent or carer. This individual must self-isolate until the results of the test as well as anyone from the same household.

If a child, parent or member of staff tests negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to Covid 19, they can stop isolating along with members of their household. If a child, parent or member of staff tests positive, they should follow the 'stay at home' guidance and must self-isolate for at least 7 days from the onset of symptoms and return once symptoms have gone. Other members of their household should self-isolate for 14 days. This self-isolation for 14 days will also apply to other members of the 'bubble.'

## Hygiene

Cleaning stations will continue to be located in each room and surfaces, sinks and toilets will be cleaned regularly throughout the day. Staff and pupils will be required to observe hand washing routines already established. Hand sanitizer is also available in all rooms. PPE is available for staff administering first aid. Face coverings are not expected to be routinely worn by staff or pupils.





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Pupils will also be required to follow the respiratory hygiene routines of 'catch it', 'bin it', 'kill it'. It would be really helpful if all children could donate to their classroom a box of tissues so that these are readily available to trap germs from sneezes and common colds.

As well as windows remaining open to keep the building as well ventilated as possible, we will utilise outside space as much as possible for both play times and PE. Please ensure all children have an appropriate coat and footwear (wellies) for being outside in the wet. Also a tracksuit/fleece/leggings and light weight waterproof top for outside PE in all weathers.

## KS2 Swimming/Paddling

KS2 Swimming has been postponed until the Spring Term, however Paddling at Roseland Paddle and Sail will go ahead in the Autumn Term and full details to follow. KS2 camp has been postponed till March 21 as the Government guidelines do not, at present, allow overnight trips.

## Gatherings

There will be no whole school assemblies as 'bubbles' cannot be together. Public gatherings are also not currently permitted, which means some events will change their format this year.

Instead of a Harvest Festival, we will hold a raffle for our chosen charity, children will still present work around a harvest theme which will be presented to you via digital technology.

As parents and carers you will still receive a termly report, which you will have an opportunity to discuss with your child's class teacher via a telephone appointment.

As regards to Christmas celebrations, we will have to follow the Government advice at that time, but if we can, we have something special planned for this year's Nativity!





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## Attendance

It is the Government's and the Trust Board's expectation that all children attend school daily. If a child is unable to attend school because they are complying to clinical or public health advice, including a local Lockdown, they must fully engage in the remote learning which will be provided via Google Classroom. In this circumstance their absence will not be penalised.

## Uniform

All children are required to wear the correct Gerrans School uniform including black school shoes not trainers. They also require a full PE kit. The uniform rail will still be outside the school until the end of term, please do come and help yourselves.

## Equipment

From September children will be allowed to bring personal stationary items and bookbags to school. However, items transferring between home and school should be kept to a minimum and essential only, no toys or cuddlies please.

Although this sounds very formal, which is necessary under the current circumstances to ensure everyone's safety, please rest assured we will still be engaging in an inspiring curriculum and aim to meet learners' needs on an individual level. We will still have high expectations of all pupils both behaviourally and within their learning and encourage and support them to be active, inquisitive and successful learners.

We are very mindful as a staff that under current guidelines we are unable to utilise many strengths we have to offer being a small school such as collaboration amongst our pupils. We will not let this spoil or weaken the ethos or culture of our school which will remain a caring, compassionate family environment.







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These measures, although we don't know how long for, are only temporary and we look forward to being a cohesive school community again as soon as it is safe to do so.

May we take this opportunity to thank all pupils, parents and carers for their support and understanding over the past months. All staff wish you all a very happy and hopefully sunny Summer break and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Elvy  
Headteacher

