



GERRANS CP SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure you all have the date of 8th March circled in your diaries! As a staff we welcome the news of schools fully re-opening and are really looking forward to seeing everyone safely back. There will however remain some Government advice to adhere to for minimizing the risk of Covid 19 infection. An updated risk assessment for fully re opening the school 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 unfortunately. Entry and exit via EYFS Playground.

KS1 Start School 8.55am and Finish at 3.15pm Entry and exit via EYFS Playground.

KS2 Start School 9.05am and Finish at 3.25pm 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 and wear a face covering when dropping off and collecting their children. Parents are asked not to come into school unless they have a prearranged appointment.





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Parents are also asked to be punctual and keep to the bubbles and designated entrances and exits.

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 or via Schoolcomms, not through the school office please.

Staff, however are permitted to work between bubbles. Face coverings are not expected to be worn routinely by staff or pupils.

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 10 days. This self-isolation for 10 days will also apply to other members of the bubble.





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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. All staff are carrying out lateral flow home tests twice weekly.

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.

Speech and Language

Mrs. Teague will continue to support families with Speech and Language remotely for the remainder of this term.

Extra -Curricular Activities

There will no after school clubs for the remainder of this term. KS2 camp rescheduled for the end of March will be put on hold for the time being - but watch this space.

Gatherings

There will be no whole school indoor assemblies as bubbles cannot be together inside, however, celebration assemblies will take place outside weather permitting. Public gatherings are still not currently permitted, which means some events will remain different for the time being.





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End of Year Production

I'm sure you will agree that our Nativity was a great success not just spreading the Christmas message but also giving all children the experience of speaking and listening in front of an audience. We will aim for a Summer Term Production, whether this is shared with you in person outside or via a recording.

Spring Term Parent Consultations

These will take place early in the Summer Term. 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.

Attendance

It is the Governments and the Trust Boards 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. School must receive written evidence if this is the case.

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 be outside the school until the end of term, please do come and help yourselves.

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.





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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. Once again, how long these measures are in place will depend on Government guidance 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. We appreciate that remote learning has been challenging and appreciate your support in maintaining children's progress.

We look forward to welcoming all pupils back to school on Monday 8th March at their staggered start times.

Yours sincerely

Julie Elvy
Headteacher

