

# Crofton Hammond Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Returning to school on 8<sup>th</sup> March

We have reviewed our risk assessment again in the light of yesterday's news with a view to all children returning to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. It is a fairly long document so I am sharing the headlines with you which are the things that will directly relate to you. The full version of the document is available on the website under 'Statutory Information'.

## Year Group 'Bubbles'

Children will now be grouped into year group bubbles throughout the school. Key worker children have been mixing in year group bubbles this term so far and we have made the decision to continue with this structure. It means that children will be able to mix with all of their friends across the year groups at playtime and lunchtime and they will have more space in which to play. It also means that we can begin year group catch up interventions with groups of children who need them. It does however mean that if we have a positive case reported in the year group - in most cases - the whole year group will need to self-isolate. In this situation, the class teacher will teach all children remotely until they are able to return to school.

## Coming to School

For the time being, we are going to return to a staggered start and finish to the school day. This will be reviewed again after the Easter holidays. Only one parent should accompany each child to school and if possible, younger siblings should stay at home. Children should line up by their classroom gate, as they did in the summer; please leave at least a 1m gap between family groups. Teachers will collect children from the gate. Families with surnames beginning **A – K** should arrive at **8.45am** to drop their children and families with surnames **L – Z** should arrive at **8.55am**. At the end of the day **A-K** families should arrive at **3.15pm** and **L – Z** families should arrive at **3.25pm**. Please ensure that you socially distance as you leave the school site as quickly as possible. If you need to speak to a member of staff or the office, please do this by telephone wherever possible. If it is essential that you have to enter the school building, we ask that you wear a mask.

## Equipment

Children should bring book bags into school and packed lunch boxes if they are having a home-made packed lunch. Every child should bring a water bottle to school and take it home every night to be thoroughly washed. PE kits can be bought into school and remain here. Year groups will have their own sets of 'bubble' resources, which will not be shared with other bubbles. Please do not send any other items into school at this stage.

## Lunch time

We will continue to provide school lunches for our children. KS1 children will be served in their classrooms, or outside when it is fine, and year R children will be served in the hall. Every day there will be

a hot and a cold option, one of which will be vegetarian. There will also be a jacket potato option before Easter, and a packed lunch option after Easter.

### **Cleaning**

Children will continue to be asked to wash their hands at regular intervals during the day, using existing sinks or the three additional hand-washing stations to ensure that there are as few hold ups as possible. Hand sanitiser will be available in all classrooms too. Cleaning kits are available in all classrooms and school staff will regularly wipe down surfaces, equipment and doors. Toilets are also regularly cleaned throughout the day. Year group bubbles do not share equipment or toys.

### **Breakfast and After School Clubs**

The government is keen that this provision continues to support working parents. Children attending will continue to be grouped in year group bubbles. There will also be a Junior School bubble of children.

### **Football Club**

Last night's announcement gave the go ahead for outside after school sports clubs to start up so we will be resuming our football club – Year 1 on a Tuesday and Year 2 on a Wednesday. Children should be able to change themselves for this as they do for PE. Parents who wish to watch must ensure they adhere to the rules of social distancing while spectating. In the event of bad weather, the club will not go ahead. Dave will be in touch with you with further details in the near future.

### **Health and Well-being**

The health and well-being of our school community has always been of the utmost importance to us. We have asked you all to complete a feedback form where you can highlight any concerns you may have about your child's well-being and we will ensure all staff are aware of these. **We aim to ensure that every action we take is based on kindness, compassion and respect for one another.** It is our hope to continue to provide a sense of 'normality in an abnormal world' for your child. We know that children benefit from structure and routine and this will be in place from day one. We will also ensure there is time for 'recovery conversations' to take place as and when they are needed. The happiness and well-being of your child – and of you – will continue to be our most important job.

### **Suspected or confirmed cases of Covid 19**

If at any point we have a suspected or confirmed case of Covid 19 in a child or member of staff we will immediately seek advice from Public Health England. Either of these situations could result in a 'bubble' of children having to isolate for 10 days. Whilst we hope this never happens we do need you to have a plan in place for how you would manage this. Further information is on our full risk assessment on the website.

If you have any further questions please email or call school and we will do our best to answer them. We are so looking forward to welcoming you all back to school again and are really hoping for a wonderful finish to this school year!

Best wishes

*J. Halton*

Jacky Halton