



Thornley Primary School

Return to School on Thursday September 3rd 2020 (Part 2)

Here is our response to Government Guidance on Prevention of the spread of Infection:

(Our responses are in red)

- minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school

We would ask that you continue to follow Government guidance on social distancing at home and inform us immediately if your child needs to isolate.

- clean hands thoroughly more often than usual

We have set routines for washing of hands: on arrival; after every play time; after every toilet visit and before lunch. Hand sanitisers are in every classroom and at fixed points in the public areas.

- ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach

All classrooms and toilets have a separate bin (with bin liners which can be tied at the top for depositing used tissues. Extra tissues have been ordered.

- introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents and bleach

Cleaning will take place all through the day. All classrooms have additional anti-bacterial wipes and sprays. After school, cleaners will use strong detergents to clean all surfaces.

- minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible

Pupils have been grouped into 4 Zones. Pupils will not make contact with others from different Zones during the day. Classrooms have been arranged so that all desks face forward (towards the teaching area.) Teachers will keep a 1 – 2 metre distance when teaching the whole class. Support will be given from behind a pupil (not face to face)

- where necessary, wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)

Staff administering first aid will always wear PPE. Staff will be provided with masks and visors to be used at their discretion.

The school will follow specific guidance on how to respond to any reported cases of infection. This includes:

- Engaging with the NHS Track and Trace process
- Taking swift action to manage confirmed cases of Covid-19 within the school community
- Following advice from the local health protection team if there is an outbreak

We have regular updates from the Local Authority and robust systems in place to keep pupils and staff as safe as possible.



Further Information

Attendance:

- School attendance will be mandatory from the beginning of the Autumn Term.
- It is the duty of parents to ensure that children attend school regularly
- School will be responsible for recording attendance and following up on any absences
- Sanctions, including fixed penalty notice will be applicable for non-attendance

Uniform :

- Pupils should return to school in full uniform in September.
- Normal washing routines should be used for cleaning uniforms

PE Kits

- PE kits should be brought to school on a Monday morning ready for the PE lesson each week
- After the PE session has taken place, PE kits should be taken home to be washed and returned the following Monday

Water Bottles

- School will not supply water bottles in the Autumn Term
- Water bottles from home should be brought in each day and taken home every evening to be refreshed

School Bags / Equipment

- Pupils should not bring in any equipment from home. This includes pens, pencils, pencil cases etc. All equipment will be supplied by school and kept in each child's personal work tray
- Packed lunch boxes / bags will be allowed. These must be stored in a child's locker and only accessed by the owner

Reading Books / Homework Books

- For the Autumn Term, pupils will not be bringing reading books to and from school
- Homework will be on single-use sheets which should not be returned to school
- Marking of homework or proof of completion should take place via Class Dojo
- We will send out links to On-line reading and related activities in the coming weeks

School Meals / Lunch time Organisation

- Due to space restrictions in the Hall, lunch times are to be 'staggered'
- There may be days when pupils on packed lunch need to eat in their classroom but we will try to avoid this as far as possible.



Behaviour

- New Behaviour rules for COVID are in place
- Staff will work with pupils and parents to ensure that behaviour expectations are clearly understood and consistently supported
- Pupils will be expected to take responsibility for keeping themselves and others safe however, individual needs will be taken into account
- Pupils who deliberately break the rules may, as a last resort, be excluded

If you need to speak in person to the Head Teacher or a Staff Member

- Please ring to make an appointment as we are only able to accept visitors in to school if there is a suitable time and place designated for a meeting and this is most likely to be after school.

Can I take the opportunity of thanking you all in anticipation of your continued support and co-operation during these unprecedented times.

Further information will be sent to you next week. I think this is enough for today!

If you have any burning questions, please reply by email.

Take care!

Mrs Watt & All Staff