

# Wingfield Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are likely aware, the government has announced that schools will reopen to all pupils on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. We are very much looking forward to welcoming back more of our pupils to face-to-face education.

From 8 March, school attendance will be mandatory and our usual attendance rules will apply, unless your child is classed as extremely clinically vulnerable in which case they should not attend school until further notice.

Please remember it is vital that your child should self-isolate and not come to school if they:

- Have coronavirus symptoms or have tested positive
- Live with someone who has symptoms or have tested positive
- Are a close contact of someone who has tested positive

Further information can be found on the [NHS Website](#)

Please inform the school via email ([wfcontact@wingfield.compassps.uk](mailto:wfcontact@wingfield.compassps.uk)) or telephone if your child is not attending, stating their name and class and the reason for their absence. Where children are not able to attend school as parents are following clinical and/or public health advice, the absence will not be penalised.

We will provide home learning via Showbie/Tapestry for children who are self-isolating.

Schools must comply with health and safety law, which requires them to assess risks and put in place proportionate control measures. The control measures have been adapted from the system of protective measures which were first introduced during the summer term. These control measures include:

- A requirement that people who are ill stay at home.
- Robust hand and respiratory hygiene.
- Enhanced cleaning arrangements.
- Active engagement with NHS Test and Trace.

**Further guidance for parents and carers, issued by the DfE, can be found [here](#)**

We will open our school to all children in Nursery to Year 6 from **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**; operating year group sized 'bubbles' with a staggered start and end to the school day. **We will return to a full school day every Friday.** Our breakfast and after-school club will also be open, Monday to Friday, from this date.

Rest assured that we're doing everything we can to make sure our pupils can return to school safely. The measures we are taking to minimise risk include:

- Ensuring, where possible, the year groups do not mix and remain in 'bubbles'
- Limiting the number of adults who work with groups of children
- Limiting staff contact whilst in school
- Talking to the children about hygiene and social distancing
- Ensuring regular handwashing
- Limiting children's movements around school

- Staggering break and lunch times
- Staggering pick-up and drop-off times
- Ensuring drop off and collection will be on the playground ONLY; Parents and Carers will NOT be allowed into the school building under any circumstances.
- Ensuring Parents and Carers wear a mask whilst on school grounds (unless they are exempt)
- Using specific entry and exit points to school
- Adapting classroom furniture and layout
- Increased cleaning of toilets and touch points
- Following clear procedures if a child or staff member became symptomatic
- Ensuring staff and pupils with Coronavirus symptoms remain at home

You should follow social distancing guidelines at all times, including whilst waiting for the gate to open. Please ensure your child stays with you during drop off and collection times. Only one adult can accompany your child onto the playground. Parents and carers should wear a mask whilst on school premises (unless exempt). They will not be able to enter the school building under any circumstances.

We have attached a reminder of the timings of the school day and the appropriate entrances to be used for each year group during drop-off and collection times.

Children should wear school uniform and bring a clearly labelled bottle of water to school with them. If your child usually has a packed lunch you should continue to provide this but they should not bring any other equipment or books from home.

The school kitchen will be open, initially they will be providing cooked meals for children in nursery to year 2 and packed lunches for children in years 3 – 6. We plan to provide cooked meals for all years from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March and will contact parents regarding this early next week.

We would like to assure you that we have fully risk assessed our return to school in March, following the Government's guidelines. Our Risk Assessment is on the school website [here](#) The safety of our staff, children and the wider community is our priority and as such it is crucial that you follow the instructions in this letter.

Lockdown has been a challenging period for all of us, and we would like to thank you for your continuing support during this difficult and uncertain time. If you or your child have any concerns or questions about returning to school, or if you think your child might need extra support when they return, please email us: [wfcontact@wingfield.compassps.uk](mailto:wfcontact@wingfield.compassps.uk)

We would also like to thank you for all your support in helping your child learn from home. We will continue to keep in touch if we update our plans or if we need to make changes due to new government guidance.

Best wishes,



Ross Silcock  
Headteacher



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