



Werrington Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

We are really looking forward to seeing all children **return to school on Monday the 8th of March** to continue with their learning. We will continue to follow all the guidance from both the DFE and the council to keep the children, staff, and parents as safe as we can.

We understand that there will be concerns around safety so please rest assured that the welfare and safety of children and staff is our highest priority. This means we will continue to follow and review our risk assessment which includes procedures on cleaning, bubbles, masks, and social distancing.

At Werrington we are proud to be able to offer a pastoral provision that extends to every aspect of our school community. We have trained staff who can support wellbeing, provide relational care and help children and young people to develop the skills that they need to promote emotional, social and psychological growth and resilience. We can also provide counselling support in school and signpost to other agencies where more specialist provision may be required. This support is available to all our families (children and parents/carers) – Please do speak to Ann Marsh (01782 980010 or a.marsh@werrington.staffs.sch.uk) for more information.

Please work with us to help us get through this time and stay as safe and Covid free as possible. Please read and stick to the rules set out in the full government guidance - <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Please also do the following to help us:

- Contact the school immediately if your child has symptoms of COVID, isolate and schedule a test as soon as possible.
- If you need to call the school for any reason, please do so with kindness and courtesy. This is a challenging time for all our staff and we will not tolerate rudeness or raised voices.
- The office is shut for in person visits; please contact the office staff via telephone or email.
- Follow the school website and Dojo messages for news and updates.
- If you are in any doubt about your child's health, then it is best to keep them at home
- You **must** wear a mask to drop off and pick up your child from school; school staff will challenge anyone trying to enter the school grounds without a mask. If you have an exemption from wearing a mask due to medical reasons please could you assist staff by wearing a sunflower lanyard/badge to avoid this challenge.
- Do not mix with other households unless they are in your support bubble, therefore children's parties and sleep-overs cannot happen.

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- Do not share a car with other families.
- Please drop and pick up your children promptly – do not gather in a crowd to chat outside of school.
- Where possible, we ask that you consider dropping your child off at the front of the school and encouraging your child to make their own way to their entry point. All Key Stage 2 children should be encouraged to do this – There are plenty of staff outside to ensure that your child safely gets to where they should be.
- If you accompany your child into the school grounds, please keep your child close to you at all times and do not let them play with other children.
- **Please do not send your child into school if you, or anyone in your household, has symptoms of COVID.**
- Please note that vehicles dropping children off or picking children up will NOT be allowed into the school grounds.
- Please adhere to our one-way system.

Please find below, another reminder of some useful information to help you plan for your child's return to school.

School re-opens for all pupils on **Monday 8th March**. Doors open at 8:45 (8:30 for Nursery) and pupils are expected to be in their classroom and ready for work by 9am (8:45 for Nursery).

The children will continue to be reminded of handwashing requirements. On arrival, they will be expected to wash their hands and this expectation will be continued at designated points throughout the day. Children are not expected to wear masks at school.

We have a smart but simple uniform that we expect all pupils to wear. This is a royal blue sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan, a royal blue polo shirt or white shirt and grey trousers or skirt. Children should wear sensible black shoes - not trainers.

For PE, children need a white t-shirt, navy shorts and trainers. Blue track suits or fleeces may be worn for games during winter months. **All clothing should be clearly labelled**. Children will be expected to wear their PE kit to school on their PE days.

Doors and windows will be left open during the day so children will need to ensure that they have their jumper/sweatshirt/cardigan. Whenever possible the children will be outside at break times and should bring a good, waterproof, warm coat to school every day.

Children can bring a small bag into school, ideally no larger than 45 x 27cm. The bag is to be used to hold a drink (water), snack, reading book, hand sanitiser and lunchbox. Children will not be permitted to bring their own pens/pencils/pencil cases into school. Lunchboxes should be easy to 'wipe-down' (Plastic is best).

Fruit/Snack will be available for pupils in Reception and in Key Stage 1. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide an opportunity for pupils in Key Stage 2 to purchase a snack at break time. We therefore suggest that Key Stage 2 pupils bring their own (healthy) snack in if required.

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Children's attendance will continue to be monitored at this time. If your child is ill, you should report it in the same way as you have always done via the school office. If a child or a member of your family falls ill and they are COVID 19 symptomatic you must inform the school immediately.

As before, there will be a strict one-way system for moving around the school grounds. The narrow pathway by the Nursery can only be used by people walking from the front of the school towards the playground, and the driveway at the side of the school can only be used by people walking from the playground towards the Co-op shop/Washerwall Lane.

A reminder - We no longer accept cash payments – Parentpay is our chosen method of payment for trips, meals, ticketed events, etc.

Finally, if you have borrowed a laptop from school, please return it back on **Monday 8th March**. Make sure you have erased any saved documents, webpages and emails and deleted any log in details.

This is a challenging time for us all; the news of a return to school along with the amount of time spent at home, and the pressures of home learning may have brought about worries and concerns for some of our families. We are here to help – please don't hesitate to contact us with any queries or concerns.

These are very strange times indeed but we are genuinely looking forward to welcoming your child back to school on **Monday 8th March**.

Take care.

P.McLauchlan



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