



Full Return Plan

Information for Parents about what school will look like from 12th August when the school fully returns

As you will be aware it has been agreed nationally that due to the current position we are in, in relation to Covid that schools can return fully on Wednesday 12th August. Below is information you need to know for this full return. Much of this information is the same as the blended model arrangements. We still need to be very cautious and keep these in place at the start of term, as the term progresses we may be able to change things if it is safe for everyone to do so following local and national guidance. We will review things when we return and adapt and change as necessary if things could be improved. So please have patience with us as this is all totally new to us and may look very different in practise than on paper. The information below is based on national and local guidance and a risk assessment.

Please can you talk to your child about this to help them have a positive transition back into school. You should have received a letter from Dr Brydson and this includes links to other information which should be read too. Thank you.

Primary School children do not need to social distance from each other but staff need to social distance from pupils and other staff/adults. Face masks do not need to be worn in school but staff and children may wear masks if you/they wish. Staff should wear masks if they cannot socially distance from a child and are interacting with a child for 15 mins or more.

What should children bring to school?

- They **only** need to bring with them a filled water bottle (water fountains will not be in use), healthy snack and packed lunch if they are not having school lunches and in a plastic lunch box if you can so it can be cleaned down easily.
- They should wear school uniform as normal and they do **not** need to bring PE kits at the moment. They will need soft indoor shoes to change into when in school. They should also bring a coat with them every day as they will be outside as much as they can. Please remember to name all your child's belongings. They do not need to bring pencils etc as each child will be given a bag with all their resources in them to use (pencil, scissors, glue, rubber, crayons etc). Lost property cannot really be handled and will be discarded after 2 weeks so please name things.

- We are waiting on more guidance about PE. The information I have just received at the moment is that PE can only be done outside and if this is the case we may ask children to come to school on PE days in suitable outdoor PE clothes. This will be clarified with you next week.
- No school bags are needed.

When does school start and finish?

- There will still be 2 drop off and pick up times as we can't have everyone arriving at the same time. These times must be followed and no one should be late dropping off or picking up. **This information has already been shared with you prior to the holidays. If you really cannot find this information please email the school office to check your time.**
- If your child gets dropped off at 8.45am then they are collected at 2.45pm.
- If your child gets dropped off at 9am then they are collected at 3pm.
- Parents and children as much as possible are encouraged to walk to school but if you have to drive, please park cars away from each other in the car park as much as you can and use alternative parking arrangements. The Woodley Court entrance will be open as well as the front entrance. So please use this if it is easier to limit the amount of people at the front entrance. Please just come in time for your allocated times and don't come any earlier or later.
- There will be staff in the car park, at the pupil gate and in the playground. They will guide and support the children in to the playground and to their class door. Pupils will come into the playground by themselves. **Parents will only be allowed to accompany their child into the playground if their child is really distressed and needs support, in particular the parents of our new P1 pupils. If this has to happen social distancing must be followed.**
- Unfortunately, no parents will be allowed to stand around in the car park or in the school grounds before or after drop off/pick up. You can wait inside your car. When in the car park parents should socially distance.
- The teacher will meet the children at the classroom door. Children will use this door to exit and enter the classroom.
- You will be asked to let us know who will collect your child and if your child will be picking up a younger sibling to take home or whether they are to walk home themselves. This will be issued via text either Monday or Tuesday of next week.

- Pick up at the end of the day is a little more complicated so we are unsure at the moment of the best way to **pick up** children as parents are not allowed in the school grounds. I feel as a staff we need more time to discuss this, so pick up times will be clarified with you after our staff meeting on Monday.

What will the classrooms look like?

- Children will be washing their hands frequently as before lockdown (when entering, before eating, before and after breaks and before they finish school). If children need their own soap please send this with your child. This has to stay in school and cannot be taken backwards and forwards.
- There will be enhanced cleaning done throughout the day in the class and across the school by members of staff. PPE will be provided to schools.
- As the children don't need to socially distance the classrooms will be set up very similar to what they are used to.
- There will be no after school clubs running at the moment.

What will learning look like when in school?

- Work will focus on their learning community work and on Literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing.
- We are aware that every child will feel different about being back in school, many will be really excited and many will be anxious and worried about lots of things.
- We will support all the children to reduce these worries and we will communicate with parents about this if needed.
- We are aware that everyone will have had different experiences over the last 3 months so we will use this time to get to know the children and assess where they are with their learning.
- The usual transition information will be passed to their new teacher from their previous teacher and information will be shared about learning during the home learning period. We will use the inset days to plan together.
- There will be support in classes from the learning assistants to support transition back into school.

What will break and lunchtime arrangements be?

- There may be staggered playtimes and lunchtimes as necessary to ensure that crowding is minimised in areas such as the dinner hall.
- To begin with until things are up and running, school meals will be a premium cold food offering, consisting of sandwiches, rolls, wraps etc.

Hot meals will be reintroduced into the menus once it is safe to do so. The children will be asked each day what they wish until the usual 3 week menu cycle can be issued. Remember P1-3 get free school meals. Packed lunches can still be brought to school if you choose.

- Limited play equipment will be used and will be cleaned after use.

How do I talk to a member of staff?

- Unfortunately no parents are allowed in the school building. If it is absolutely necessary you have to come into the school, you must if possible phone ahead to let us know you are coming, wash your hands when you come in, report/hand things into the reception and give contact details as part of the Gov Trace, Test and Protect arrangements.
- Otherwise please contact the staff by phoning the school or emailing the school and someone will get back in touch with you.

Parents who have concerns about their children returning to school due to family members shielding or being in a high risk group

- All children who have been shielding can return to school unless their GP advises otherwise. Any children who have been living with someone who has been shielding can also return. In circumstances where a parent does not want to send a child who is considered vulnerable to school then they should speak with Mrs Watson.

Medical Concerns

- If your child or one of your family members displays symptoms of COVID then your children should not come to school and you should notify us immediately. If they start to display symptoms at school you will be notified immediately and you will be asked to come and collect your child straight away and the Authority Outbreak Management Policy would be followed.
- Can all those with long hair tie their hair back please. Thank you.

Toileting

- There will be systems put in place for the use of the toilets and for the children to know when the toilets are free. This will be explained to the children when they are in school.

All of these systems will be reviewed daily and will be adapted if necessary to ensure that the children and staff are safe and happy at Cargenbridge.

If you wish to ask anything then please get in touch via the usual channels. We will keep you updated as things change.

If there is anything you think you need to tell us about your child in relation to their **health and wellbeing then you can either email us or you can phone the school on Tuesday 11th August between 1-2.30pm** and this information will be passed to your child's teacher if you cannot speak directly to them.

If you really feel it would benefit your child to visit the school in the afternoon of Tuesday 11th to meet their teacher and go into their class prior to Wednesday, we do have capacity for a very small number of children to do this. Contact the school via the office email account to chat further about this. Our P1s are having a short visit in the morning of 11th August to help them settle in.

If you email us it may be Monday before someone can get back to you as we are all still on holiday until then. Thank you for your support. Please keep this information safe and discuss it with the children prior to them returning.

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