

The Federation of Gedney Hill CoE and Shepeau Stow Primary Schools



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Dear Parents

I am pleased to say we will be welcoming all our pupils back to school on 8th March. I would like to express thanks on behalf of all the staff in school for how supportive you have been during this period of lockdown. The level of engagement with the online learning has been excellent. I hope you have found the balance of curriculum appropriate to working from home. It has been a huge learning curve for everyone.

Organisation for return.

- Our start and end of days will be staggered as they were before lockdown. Timings have been sent to you.
- Pupils will work in class bubbles. Pupils will stay in their class bubbles all day.
- Pupils will have individual equipment packs that contain pencils, scissors, glue etc.
- Resources will not be shared across bubbles without being thoroughly cleaned or quarantined.
- Each class will have their own set of toilets
- Staff will have separate lunch areas to enable social distancing where staff are from different bubbles.
- Staff will remain in the same bubble wherever possible. It is permitted under the government guidance that staff can cross bubbles but we will avoid doing so wherever possible. One exception to this will be where we have specialist teaching and PPA cover.
- Staff will wear face coverings in class and/or work behind screens when possible.
- Parents will be able to contact either myself or Mrs Barnby to discuss any in class issues. Should there be a need to speak to the class teacher a telephone call will be arranged through the office between 3.30pm and 4pm.
- Pupils with Covid symptoms should not attend school, neither should they attend school if any member of their household or contacts have Covid 19 or symptoms. Please see the following link for Covid symptoms and guidance.
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

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- School staff are currently testing before school on Monday and Thursday. Staff self-testing is voluntary but our staff feel it is important to support the early identification of any cases within the adults in our school. Staff in schools are not currently being prioritised for vaccination.
- Pupils who are self-isolating will be sent links to Oak Academy lessons. Further information can be found on our website: [Remote education: information for parents](#)

Uniform

Pupils should return to school in uniform. Please do not send the children in with rucksacks as we are trying to keep additional items to a minimum. PE days will be sent out to parents so that pupils can attend in kit. A reminder, children should not do PE in hooded clothing.

Curriculum

Alongside English and Maths we have taken the decision to focus on those subjects that were not so easily covered during lockdown – e.g. design technology and practical science. We will be developing the school garden areas on return as part of our science and to support pupil well-being.

School lunches

Information on meal provision has been sent to you already.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the return to school. It has been a difficult time for all of us over the last year. I hope we can continue to work together to reduce the spread of this virus enabling us to return to some kind of normality and see family and friends. If any of you feel your child needs any individualised emotional support for their return to school please let us know and we will support in any way we can.

Yours sincerely

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