

A Guide for Parents



The Re-opening of Dunstone Primary School Autumn 2020

We are busy preparing Dunstone Primary School for a safe reopening for the Autumn Term and I know you will have many questions about our plans. We wanted to put all the key information into one booklet for you and your family, so hopefully you will find this guide informative in helping you understanding the reopening of our school.

We want to explain all the measures we are putting in place and to reassure you that we will do everything we can to ensure that the health and safety of children remains our top priority. Our planning will mean that your child/children can access school without concern. We will continue to monitor and update our plans, in line with the government guidance. Dunstone Primary School has proactively and successfully managed the impact of the pandemic to date and wish for this to continue in the future.



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Headteacher (from September 2020)

(This information guide alphabetical to make the information easy to find and check.)

Attendance

It is vital for all children to return to school to minimise as far as possible the longer-term impact of the pandemic on children's education, wellbeing and wider development. Those children with higher overall absence tend to achieve less in both primary and secondary school. School attendance will therefore be closely monitored again from the beginning of the Autumn Term. This means that from September, the usual rules apply. If your child is unwell we recommend that parents contact the GP in the usual way. Medical advice is available 24/7, please telephone 111. If your child is going to be absent from school, we ask that you contact the school in the usual way by telephoning school 01752 401293 or email: office@dunstoneprimary.co.uk

Bubble groups

Each class group will be treated as a separate 'bubble' in order to reduce grouping children together and also to avoid contact between other groups. We aim, as much as possible, to keep bubbles separate during the school day. During outdoor times, we will operate Key Stage bubbles and class group bubbles will have designated places to play. There will be staggered lunchtimes, children will be sat in their class group bubbles within the larger Key Stage bubbles.

'Catch it, bin it, kill it' approach

We will be promoting good respiratory hygiene at all times. Children are encouraged to always carry tissues and to sneeze or cough into a tissue, dispose of the tissue in a bin and then wash their hands as soon as possible.

Class Sizes

Staff may be needed to alter classroom layouts to maximise the distance between all teachers and pupils. Each classroom has cleaning equipment to regularly wipe down surfaces, door handles and equipment. The classrooms are well ventilated, and we will use the outdoor environment as much as possible.

Cleaning

Rigorous cleaning and disinfecting of classrooms and furniture will take place at the end of every day. Toilets are cleaned at the end of the day and also after lunchtime. This includes common

touchpoints, such as door handles, light switches, taps and soap dispensers. Table top surfaces are also being wiped after lunchtime.

Covid-19 Signs and Symptoms

We ask that if someone in the household has Covid-19, that the child does not come to school. Anyone who displays symptoms whilst in school, will be isolated immediately and parents contacted. Anyone who displays symptoms can and should get a test. Tests can be booked online through the NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus website or ordered by telephone via the NHS 119. We ask parents to inform the school immediately of the test results. If someone tests negative, they can stop self-isolating. If someone tests positive, they should follow the 'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus infection' and must continue to self-isolate for at least 7 days from the onset of their symptoms.

Covid-19 Testing

Testing facilities are available at our nearest NHS testing centre which is at Derriford. NHS testing is now available to anyone in the UK that is showing COVID-19 symptoms, including under 12s. If a child displays symptoms, they will be required to take a test

Classrooms

All pupils will, as much as possible, sit side by side facing forwards towards the front of the classroom. Resources such as books and games can be used and shared within the bubble but will be cleaned regularly. Any resources, such as science equipment can be used across bubbles but will be left untouched and out of reach for a period of 48 hrs.

Communication

We will continue to communicate via Teachers2parents, Newsletters, Website, Class Dojo and Tapestry. It is really important that we have correct and up to date information. Please could you inform the office if you have changed your number or moved so that we can update our systems. Communication is key for smooth operations and keeping you up to date with the ever-changing guidance and systems.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Premier Sports and Plymouth Argyle will be running their club as normal. Teacher led clubs will not happen for Term 1.

Face Masks

Face masks can be worn by any pupil or teacher who wishes to do so (although not recommended). However, if pupil's face masks become wet or uncomfortable this arrangement may have to be reviewed. Pupils must not swap face masks with other children.

Hand Sanitiser

Hand sanitiser is available in key areas around the school and staff are required to make use of it regularly. Hand sanitiser is also available in every classroom along with antibacterial hand wash in all toilets. All visitors to the site will be required to use anti-bacterial hand sanitiser.

Hand Washing

Thorough handwashing routines will be implemented throughout the school day. Pupils will be asked to wash their hands when they arrive in school, before and after play time, before and after lunch time and at the end of the day before returning home as a minimum. They will also need to wash their hands before entering after school club.

Home Learning

Over the last few months, school has shown that it can deliver home learning to a very high standard while the school has been closed. The Class Dojo platform has been well received by parents and children. We are looking to continue this from September with home learning and children can still earn Dojo points for their efforts. This is also a quick communication tool to contact the class teachers, TAs and Headteacher directly. For any child or group self isolating, home learning will continue through Class Dojo.

Learning

During the first week back, we will be having a whole school approach which will focus on the children's mental health and wellbeing. We will be teaching through PSHE and ensuring children have the opportunity to make sense of COVID19 and their worries. We will be basing our English learning around the 'Book of Hopes'. We will also focus on team building, relationships, using the outdoors and physical activity. We want children to feel safe, happy and secure back at school and staff to build strong relationships with the children, knowing exactly how to support them socially and academically. Teachers will then prioritise identifying gaps and re-establish good progress in the essential areas of phonics, reading, increasing vocabulary, writing and mathematics. Our curriculum will remain broad, so that the majority of pupils are taught a full range of subjects over the year, including science, art, geography and history. Some pupils will receive additional support from teachers, teaching assistants or possibly a tutor.

Learning reviews (parent's evenings) will be held throughout Term 1, and parents will be offered meetings, via telephone, ClassDojo or preferably via Microsoft Teams. DfE guidance states that ideally adults should maintain a 2m distance from each other, and from children. We know that it is not always possible, particularly when working with younger children, but if adults can do this when circumstances allow, it will help.

Lunch

From September, a hot meal will be available to order from the school kitchen. Timings of each Key Stage bubble in the dining hall will be staggered, with class bubbles kept separate from each other. Tables will be wiped after each sitting and there will be a one-way system to enter and exit the hall in order to avoid creating busy corridors. Children briefly passing in the corridor or playground is low risk.

Playground Equipment

We will restrict the number of children playing on equipment at any one time. The equipment is cleaned after each bubble has used it.

Routine

During school closure, children will not have had the same routine as being in school. We ask parents to establish a back to school routine as soon as possible as this will help your child's focus and engagement in class.

School Uniform and what to bring into school

From September, we expect all pupils to wear normal school uniform. Uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often than usual, nor do they need to be cleaned using methods which are different from normal. Please see the school website for details of our school uniform policy. Children will need to wear their PE Kit with their school jumper, plain dark tracksuit bottoms for colder weather and trainers/plimsolls to school on their allocated days (this will be communicated on the 3rd September). For the first term children will only be required to bring in wellies for Wild Tribe.

Due to storage space and safety we are limiting the equipment the children can bring into school:

Foundation and KS1 Willow, Rowan and Elm classes	A book bag which can be stored in their tray Water bottle Packed lunch (if not having a school meal)
KS2 Beech, Sycamore, Ash and Oak	A small bag Water bottle Packed lunch (if not having a school meal) Fruit snack A pencil case containing only: black handwriting pens, blue biro, HB pencils, an eraser, canister sharpener, 30cm ruler and coloured pencils. (Pencil cases will need to stay in school during the week.)

Social Gatherings and Entry and Exit of the School Site

In order to avoid social gathering on the school site, we ask parents to socially distance from each other and avoid waiting in groups. We have introduced a one-way 'Drop and Go' and a 'Collect and Go' system to encourage a steady flow of people entering and exiting the site.

Drop off			Collection		
Time	Year Group	Where	Time	Year Group	Where
8:40 to 8:55am	1-5	Main gate by Year 1 classroom	3pm	Foundation, Year 1 and 2	Main gate by Year 1 classroom
8:40 to 8:55am	6	Main reception	3.10pm	Year 3 and 4	Main gate by Year 1 classroom
8:55 to 9:00am	Foundation	Main gate by Year 1 classroom	3:20pm	Year 5 and 6	Main gate by Year 1 classroom

Parents will exit the site through the car park to the Southernway exit. The school requests ONE parent only to drop off/collect children.

DfE guidance recommends for groups/bubbles to be kept apart, meaning that schools should avoid large gatherings such as whole school assemblies. We will find creative ways to still share learning and performances with you.

Temperature Checks

We ask parents to check their child's temperature every morning before coming to school and once again after coming home at the end of the day. Should children feel unwell, school has infrared temperature checking facilities.

Trips and Clubs

Fortunately, the size of the school provides adequate space for healthy exercise at a safe distance from others. For at least term 1, there will be no extra-curricular activities in order to avoid 'mixing the bubbles' with the exception of external providers: Plymouth Argyle and Premier Sports. (Details will be on the letters sent out in Term 1.)

In order to keep the entire school community safe, we will do everything we can to reduce contact between people and avoid large groups congregating together. Sports and activities will be conducted in such a way as to remove points of contact as much as possible:

Visitors

Updated protocols on visitors to the school building are in place. Our car park barrier system and gate controls restricts access to visitors from outside the school. All necessary visitors (school nurse, educational psychologist etc) to the school will be required to use hand sanitiser and to leave their contact details should we need to contact them in the future. No parents will be allowed inside the school building. Unfortunately coming onto the school site without an appointment is not allowed.

Worried or anxious?

We recognise that good mental health is essential for pupils to thrive in school. Many of our teaching assistants are trained to support children's emotional needs. Through the Plymouth Excellence Cluster multi-agency support team (MAST), we can refer children for counselling or drama/art therapy and support parents by providing Family Support Workers.

We hope you have found this information booklet helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact office@dunstoneprimary.co.uk if you have any questions or contact the headteacher or class teachers via Class Dojo Pages.



Public Health
England

Staff or children with suspected or confirmed COVID-19?

A new continuous cough?

OR

Fever?

OR

Loss or change
in taste or smell?

3. Small numbers!

4. Avoid/ reduce mixing

2. Clean! Clean! Clean!

1. Wash your hands!

5. Declutter and
reduce sharing

All of these measures help
to prevent the spread of
infection and will therefore
protect staff and children

Isolate and test!

Call 119 or use NHS online portal

FOR A

SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED CASE

Contact your local

Health Protection Team (PHE) on

0300 303 8162 or swhpt@phe.gov.uk

CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.

