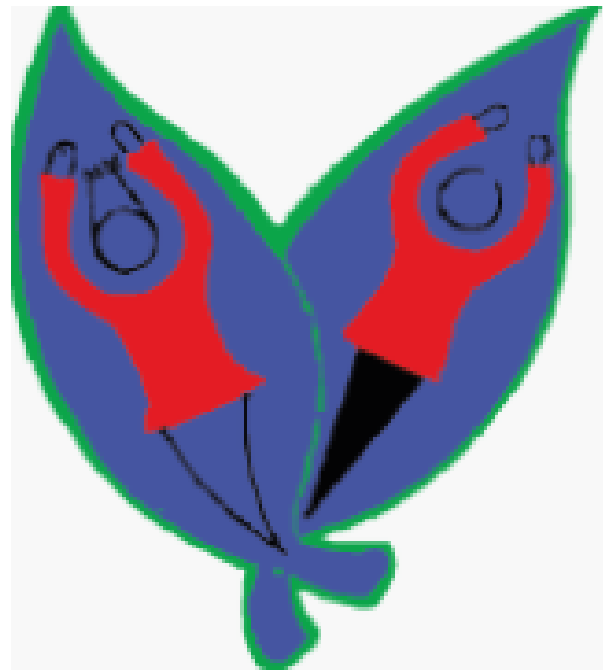


Copthorne Primary School Re-opening Plan September 2020



Welcome back!

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All children in Reception, Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will return to school on **Wednesday 2nd September.**

Children in Saplings and Nursery will receive information about their staggered September start.

Returning to school

Returning to school is vital for children's education and for their wellbeing.

The risk to children themselves of becoming severely ill from coronavirus (COVID-19) is very low and there are negative health impacts of being out of school

Time out of school is detrimental for children's cognitive and academic development.

This impact can affect both current levels of learning and children's future ability to learn.

Health and Safety

We have thoroughly reviewed our health and safety risk assessment and have drawn up plans which include the following essential measures:

- 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
- Consideration of how to reduce contacts and maximise distancing between those in school wherever possible and minimise potential for contamination so far as is reasonably practicable

Prevention

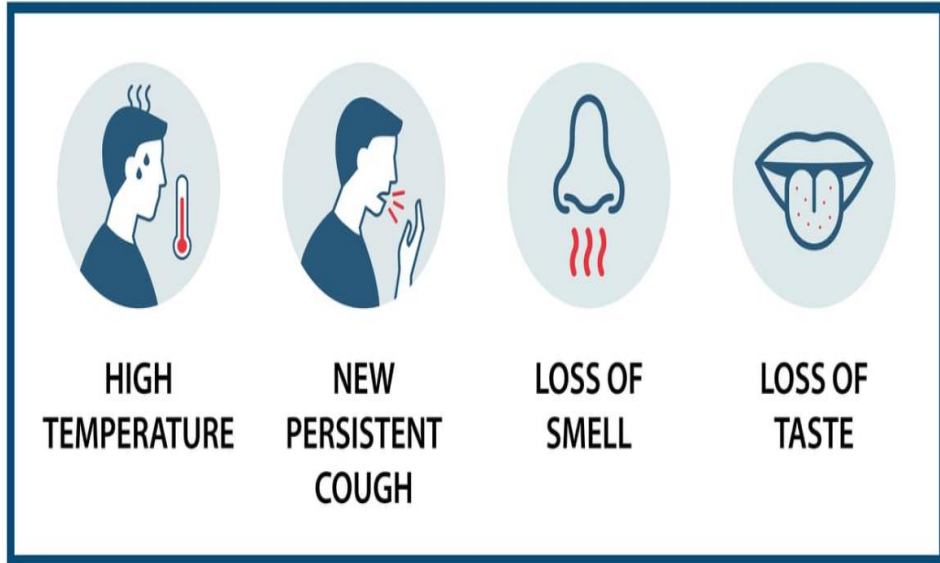
Pupils, staff and other adults must **not** come into the school if they have COVID 19 symptoms:

- a new and persistent cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of their sense of taste or smell

or have tested positive in at least the last 10 days.

If anyone becomes unwell with COVID 19 symptoms during the school day, they will be sent home and advised to follow government guidance.

They should self-isolate for 10 days and should get tested for COVID – 19.



Prevention



All children can be tested, including children under 5, but children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their parents/carers if using a home testing kit.

If you are contacted by NHS Test and Trace you must provide details of anyone that you or your child have been in close contact with.

You will need to self isolate if you have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), or if anyone in your household develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Prevention

Movement through school will be limited and children will have clear, designated routes through the building.

A timetable for regular hand washing will be in place for all classes.

Additional hand sanitising stations have been fitted throughout school.

The 'Catch it, bin it, kill it approach' will be promoted and children will be encouraged to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds.

It is important to remind your child about handwashing at home too.



Reducing contact between children and staff

The amount of contact in school will be reduced by:

- Grouping children together in Year group size 'bubbles'.
- Avoiding contact between groups
- Arranging classrooms with forward facing desks in KS2
- Staff maintaining distance from pupils and other staff as much as possible
- Limiting the number of staff working with each bubble.



Working in bubbles



Year group bubbles will be kept apart from other groups where possible and older children will be encouraged to keep their distance within groups.

Children will work in their class groups for the majority of the time, but may mix into wider groups for specialist teaching or before and after school clubs.

We recognise that younger children will not be able to maintain social distancing, and in line with government guidance, will not be required to distance within their group.

Dropping off and collection

We have staggered starting times and collection times, to reduce the number of people on the playground at any one time.

Children will either start at 8.30am or 8.45am.

You will be informed by text of your child's start time.

No gatherings are permitted on the playground.

Once you have dropped your child off, please do not stay to talk to other parents on school grounds.



Attendance

We are looking forward to welcoming back all children in September.

In September, attendance will return to being a government statutory requirement.

It is important for children to return to minimise as far as possible, the longer-term impact of the pandemic on children's education, wellbeing and wider development.

Missing out on more time in the classroom risks pupils falling further behind. Those with higher overall absence tend to achieve less well in both primary and secondary school.



Curriculum

Our curriculum will remain broad and ambitious.

All subjects will be taught.

To catch up, teachers will focus on the most important components rather than removing subjects.

Pupils will be informally assessed on an ongoing basis through quizzes, observing them in class, talking to them to assess their understanding and looking at their work.

Remote education / home learning may be needed in the case of a local lockdown or for children self isolating



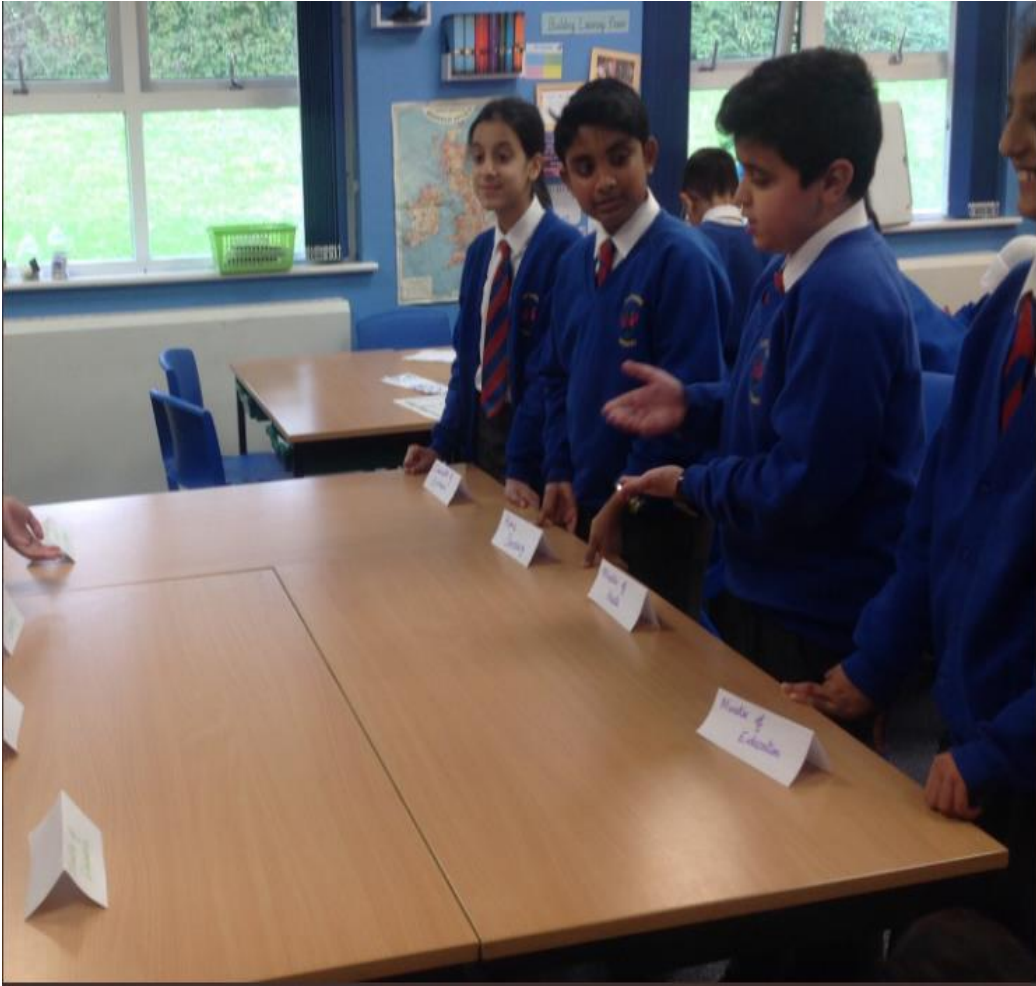
Educational Visits

Non-overnight trips and visits will take place in the Autumn term.

As normal, school will undertake full and thorough risk assessments for all educational visits to ensure that they can take place safely.



Catch up



We have extended the school day by 45 minutes three times per week to ensure that children are given targeted additional support, to help make up for lost teaching time.

This will run from September to December 2020.

We are investigating the possibility of catch-up tutoring for individual and small groups of children as necessary.

We are also exploring the provision of more devices for home use, to enable children to carry out focused 'catch-up' activities for homework.

School Uniform

All children should return to school in full school uniform.

Children's clothes should be clean but do not need to be cleaned using methods that are different than normal.



Around school



No large gathering, such as assemblies will take place in the hall.

Children will have staggered playtimes and lunchtimes with their class.

A limited number of children will eat in the hall. Others will eat in classrooms. A hot lunch option will be available.

Reading Books

Sets of reading books will be available for all children and children will continue to bring home reading books each day.

Classes will visit the school library fortnightly.



Behaviour

We maintain the same high expectations of behaviour in school and all children will be reminded of the Home / School Agreement.

The following expectations supplement the Home / School Agreement and will be shared with children:

- Arrive to school and leave school at the designated time using the designated entrance/exit route. Do not wait around for friends and do not congregate
- Wash hands (or use sanitiser) upon entering and leaving school and in accordance with Copthorne's hand washing schedule. Ensure that you 'catch it, bin it, kill it' when you cough or sneeze and avoid touching your mouth, nose and eyes
- No coughing towards any other person
- Do not move tables or chairs and do not leave your seat without speaking to the teacher
- Maintain a safe distance from others between and during lessons. Avoid hand shaking and hugging
- Do not share belongings (food, stationery, books etc) with others and do not handle other people's belongings
- Only use toilets for your year group
- In computer rooms, wipe the keyboard and mouse at the end of your lesson
- Tell an adult if you have a high temperature, a new continuous cough or loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

Personal Protective Equipment



The majority of staff in school will not be required to wear PPE beyond what they would normally wear.

PPE is only needed in a very small number of cases, including:

- Where a child is ill with COVID-19 and a distance of 2m cannot be maintained
- Where a child has routine care needs that involve the use of PPE

Children are not required to wear masks in school

Cleaning

Additional cleaning has been scheduled.

Careful attention will be paid to frequently touched areas such as door handles, hand rails etc.



Signage

We have put up additional signs to remind everyone about key messages.

