



Full Return to School 8th March 2021

We very much look forward to welcoming all children back to school full time on Monday 8th March. As you will appreciate, due to Government guidance, the school day will continue to look very different to the school day that we would normally have. Essentially, the school day will be very similar to that of the Autumn Term, when children were in school before the Christmas Holidays. Our ultimate aim is to keep your children, you and our staff safe. We therefore have in place a rigorous and comprehensive Risk Assessment. The following information links to our Risk Assessment.

Attendance

Attendance is compulsory from **8th March 2021**. All children are required, by the Government, to be in school full-time, from this date. We expect children to attend school. Our timetable from the Autumn Term which already includes staggered start and finish times will continue from **8th March** onwards until further notice.

Please see timetable below.

- Children to arrive to school at the allocated times.
- Being punctual is important. It is important not to be early, as well as not to be late, due to the staggered start times.
- Parents must telephone school if their child will be absent due to illness, and to give reasons why.

All children will return to school on **Monday 8th March 2021**.

Children will be taught in class 'bubbles'. Children will remain in their bubble all day.

Drop off and Pick Up Times

In order to ensure safety and help you to maintain social distancing outside of the school grounds, the start and finish times will be staggered. **Please only send one adult to drop off and collect children to reduce numbers at the school gate.**

EYFS parents please maintain social distancing on the path and at the door when dropping off and picking up

	Entrance	Start Time	Finish Time
Nursery	Nursery	8.30am	3pm
Reception	Reception	8.50am	3pm
Y1/Y2	Y1/Y2	8.55am	3.10pm
Y3/Y4	Den	8.50am	3.15pm
Y5/Y6	KS2	8.55am	3.20pm

At home time, we ask that parents remain away from the school gate and socially distance. Teachers will bring the children out class by class and hand them over to parents.

I have children in different year groups, what do I do?

In the morning, siblings that are in different year groups are asked to arrive together at the later time where possible.

At home time, the children will leave at their allocated year group time - we appreciate that this means a small number of parents will need to wait between collections. We apologise for the inconvenience but believe this is the best way to ensure that all children leave school safely.

Will my child be wearing uniform?

Children will be doing at least 30 minutes of fitness everyday as part of our recovery curriculum and we hope to take them outside as much as possible after having so much time indoors. We would therefore **ask that they wear joggers, leggings or tracksuit bottoms for school each day and trainers with their usual school jumper or sweatshirt.**

Wrap-around care

Wrap around will resume between the hours of 8.00am and 5.15pm. This will be for essential childcare only until after Easter when we will resume our programme of After School Clubs. A booking form will be circulated to parents to enable them to book this in advance so that we can staff and manage the club safely maintaining our bubbles.

Does my child need their own pencil case and stationery?

No - we will provide the children with all resources needed.

If children bring their own pencil cases and stationery from home, they will not be allowed to be used so please do not send children in with any.


What will happen if my child falls ill?

If your child or a member of your household displays symptoms of COVID 19 whilst at home then you should **follow government advice, self isolate and get a test.** We also ask that you inform school that your household are self isolating.

If a child falls ill in school with any of these symptoms, then they will be isolated from their class and you will be phoned to collect immediately. If your child tests positive for COVID, then you will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace however we also ask that you let the school know so that we can follow the guidance and liaise with Public Health. This will ensure that we are keeping all children, staff and the wider school community as safe as we possibly can. **Your child will need to stay off school for 10 days.**

If a member of your household tests positive, then your child will need to self isolate at home for 10 days in line with government guidance.

School will continue to provide learning activities for children that are self isolating.



If your child has:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of
smell or taste

This could be a sign of
coronavirus

[Book a test](#)

If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or
feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste

These are
**not normally symptoms of
coronavirus**

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial
111 or see your GP

Normal absence procedures apply for illnesses other than COVID and as normal, should be reported to the school office.

Can my child bring a water bottle from home?

All children must bring their own labelled water bottle – this will be returned home daily for you to wash. Please remember that children should only have water in these. We will assist the children to top their water bottles up using water jugs.

Does my child need anything else?

No, Initially, children in Years 1 - 6 should not bring any other items from home.

Extra Measures

The following has been put in place:

- Cleaning has been increased in school – key areas are cleaned at various points through the day.
- Handwashing and sanitising – all children will be required to sanitise their hands when they arrive at school. There will also be additional handwashing and sanitising before and after breaks and lunch and also at other regular points through the day.

Home / School Communication

We are always happy to talk to parents and carers and although we will all have to adapt to the different ways of work, we are all here to help if you need us. In order to minimise the risk of the spread of infection, parents and carers will not ordinarily be allowed on site to visit staff.

How should I contact the school?

All contact should initially be made by telephone or email. Your query will then be dealt with by the appropriate person.

School Phone Number - 01388 718263

Main School Email - cockfield@durhamlearning.net

I feel that I need to see someone in person, what do I do?

If a face to face appointment is needed, then this must be pre-arranged via the school office and social distancing measures will be put in place.

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HOME AND SCHOOL IS REALLY IMPORTANT TO US BUT PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH THE STAFF OUTSIDE, RING OR EMAIL AND WE WILL BE IN TOUCH STRAIGHTAWAY.

We need to work together to keep everyone safe, thank you for your support with this.

Mrs Costello (Headteacher)