



## Returning to school from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020

As children return to school from Monday, we will have to ensure that strict social distancing protocols are adhered to – not an easy task with children who are normally encouraged to share and work closely together.

Each child that is returning to school has been allocated to a “bubble team” that will replace classes. This will allow children to be part of a friendship group whilst maintaining safe group sizes.

This means that there will be some changes to how we do things but we will ensure that the children’s emotional wellbeing comes first and we will be including lots of positive messages about hygiene, keeping ourselves safe and discussing feelings about change.

We have worked hard to prepare the school environment to ensure this is a child friendly as possible. We have used the rainbow logo in the top right hand side of this letter around school to give the children a guide on where they can go / what equipment they can use etc.

There are posters in each classroom with Catch/ Bin/ Kill / Handwashing Messages and there will be reminders and songs for children about handwashing on a regular basis in the school day.

### Key points:

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| <b>Drop off</b>      | We have staggered the drop off times for each bubble to ensure we minimise congestion and adhere to social distancing measures. Children will be collected from the main gate and then taken into school. They will sanitise their hands on entry into school. Coats will be taken to their bubble classroom.                       |
| <b>Bubble teams</b>  | We have split each class into smaller groups (children will then stay in these smaller group ‘bubbles’ for the duration of the day). They will only interact with other children in their bubble. Each child will be issued with a folder to keep any work in and these will be sent home with the children at the end of the term. |
| <b>Toilet breaks</b> | Each bubble will have staggered toilet breaks to ensure we adhere to social distancing. If a child needs the toilet outside of these allocated toilet break times, they will be taken to the toilet and supervised by a member of staff then returned to their bubble.  |
| <b>Play times</b>    | Each bubble will have a staggered play time and this will be in an allocated zone. There will be games, resources and equipment out for the children to enjoy with other children from their bubble. Once play time is finished the children will return to their bubble classroom.   |
| <b>Lunchtimes</b>    | Each bubble will eat their lunch in their allocated classroom. Once their bubble team has finished lunch they will be taken outside to play in their allocated zone. These zones  |

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|                      | will be alternated daily so the children have access to the equipment / resources in each of the zones. Once play time is finished the children will return to their bubble classroom.   |
| <b>Pick up</b>       | We have staggered the pick up times for each bubble to ensure we minimise congestion and adhere to social distancing measures. Children will sanitise their hands before leaving the school. Children will be taken to the main gate and handed over to parents. |
| <b>Uniform</b>       | Children do not need to wear their school uniform. Cool, comfortable and casual clothes should be worn. Clean clothes should be worn each day.   |
| <b>Water bottles</b> | Please provide your child with a filled water bottle each day. It will be returned home every evening and should be washed every night with hot, soapy water.  |
| <b>Cleaning</b>      | The school will be cleaned thoroughly each day and school will close at 1pm on a Friday (except for key worker children) to allow for a deep clean of all areas.   |

We are aware that it has been such a terribly worrying and difficult time for families. I hope this document outlines our plans clearly without overwhelming you. As always, if you need anything at all, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for the support, understanding care and kindness that you have shown throughout this crisis.

Consett Infant School Staff