

# Cornerstone Church of England (VA) Primary School

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Growing an Inspirational Learning Community*

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## Cornerstone September 2020 Full Re-opening

Dear Parents / Carers

I am writing to you to explain our plans for the **full re-opening of Cornerstone for all pupils in a full-time capacity and in a safe way**. These plans are in line with the guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) which can be read here: [Guidance for full opening - schools](#). Please be aware that there may be future updates to this guidance which may alter our plans. If this does happen please be reassured that we will inform you of any changes.

**Our aims** in September, and indeed for the whole of next academic year are:

- Ensure safety is maximised, risks are minimised and a health sense of 'normality' supports positive mental and wellbeing of all.
- Enable all children from all classes, staff and parents to re-establish the Values, Vision, rules, systems, routines, expectations of Cornerstone.
- Enable key learning from the previous year group to be revised, and focus on gaining mastery of current year group Curriculum.

Please be aware that following the **current guidance from the DfE and Public Health England (PHE)** we have a duty to inform you of the following:

- Pupils, staff and other adults must not come into the school if they have [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#), or have tested positive in the last 7 days
- Parents / staff must inform school office immediately of the results of a Covid-19 test.
- The school will manage confirmed cases and local outbreaks in liaison with the Local Health Protection Team.
- If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must be sent home and advised to follow '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)'.

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## Attendance

Please also be aware that from the start of the Autumn term 2020 your child's **attendance is compulsory**. We hope that with the detail in this letter and in the attached Risk Assessment you and your child will feel confident to return full time.

## INSET days

Please be aware that as previously planned: **Thursday 3 September** and **Friday 4 September** are INSET days at the start of next term. For your information in advance the other INSET days for the year are:

- Friday 12 February 2021
- Thursday 22 July 2021
- Friday 23 July 2021

## Drop offs and pick-ups.

|               | Years R & 1 | Years 2 & 3 | Year 4                     | Years 5 & 6                        |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Drop off time | 8.50 am     | 8.40 am     | 8.40 am                    | 8.30 am                            |
| Pick up time  | 3.00 pm     | 3.20 pm     | 3.20 pm                    | 3.10 pm                            |
| Place         | Playground  | Playground  | External Y4 classroom door | External Y5 and Y6 classroom doors |

We will continue to use the **one-way system** for movement around the building. Therefore, all parents and children arriving (including for Time Out) must **enter the playground from the gate by Year R** and **exit via the gate by the Hall**. Children should only be **accompanied by one parent** to minimise the number of people on site. If your child is in Years 3-6 and you are happy for them to do so, they can walk onto the school site on their own.

We ask parents to **stay on the playground when dropping off and picking up**, i.e. not coming within the wooden fenced areas outside the classrooms. We also ask parents and their children **maintain physical distancing gaps** as they move around the school site at these times, and also parents maintain these gaps whilst waiting for their children at the end of the day.

## Hand hygiene

All children and staff must wash their hands for **at least 20 seconds** and then dry them thoroughly at the following times:

- On arrival.
- After playtimes.
- Before lunch and after lunchtimes.
- Before and after going to the toilet.
- After they have sneezed / coughed.
- If they sneeze or cough into a tissue, this must be placed in the nearest bin and then hands washed.

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We will obviously be reminding the children of these expectations regularly and also be highlighting the slogan: “**catch it, bin it, kill it**”, when they are sneezing or coughing into tissue.

### **Control measures**

The children will be remaining in their **class ‘bubbles’** throughout the day at school. Therefore, we will be staggering **playtimes and lunchtimes**, and designating specific areas of the playground and field to each class when they come outside. Years 2-6 will be eating their lunches in their classroom. Years R and 1, due to their lack of tables in their classrooms, will be the only classes eating in the Hall.

We will be asking the children to make sure they do not make **physical contact** with each other or staff, and to attempt to keep a 1 metre distance from each other as often as possible to reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19.

The **classrooms** will be laid out differently from the last time all the children were in school. Tables will be separated with 2 children sitting at a distance on each table. We do not want the children to bring in their own pencil case as we will provide the equipment they need. There will be physical resources (both indoor and outdoor) used and shared by the children in a class ‘bubble’, but these cannot be mixed between ‘bubbles’.

Please find attached our **Risk Assessment** which gives more detail of our planning.

Finally, I would like to **thank the staff** for all their hard work, positivity and professionalism over the past months. I would also like to **thank the numerous families** who have shared positive feedback and thanks for all the efforts we have made during this unprecedented time, which have been much appreciated by the staff team. I wish you and your families all the best for the weeks of the summer holiday, and we thoroughly **look forward to welcoming everyone back** in September for what we hope will be a happy, safe and successful final year on our current site.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Clarke  
Headteacher

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