

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Warwick Road staff and Governors are looking forward to welcoming all of our children back into school from next week. We have worked very hard to ensure the school is ready and as safe as possible. Some of the safety measures in place are:

- All desks set out in line with government guidance
- Individual learning packs for all children
- Timetables for lunches, breaks, start and end times ensure bubbles do not mix
- Hand sanitising stations outside each classroom, as well as hand washing facilities available in each classroom
- Additional cleaning to take place in toilets and during lunchtimes

I understand that most parents will be nervous about sending their children back into school; this anxiety has possibly been made worse by the videos posted online and on social media. I would like to reassure parents that there are procedures in place, and that nobody will be removing children from school without your permission, and mine.

Masks and face coverings

All of our children will be working within bubbles and staff and children will not be required to wear masks in school. If government guidelines change then we will be in touch.

Entry and exit points

Please see the table below detailing when your children will be starting and finishing school. Please note the following:

Staggered times	Year group	Entry and exit point
8:30 – 3:00	Y3	Howard Street entrance
8:30 – 3:00	Y4	Hall door
8:30 – 3:00	Y5	Library door (bottom gate on Howard Street)
8:45 – 3:15	YN	Bottom gate on Howard Street
8:45 – 3:15	YR	Front grass on Warwick Road
8:45 – 3:15	Y1	Howard Street entrance
8:45 – 3:15	Y2	Side door on Howard Street (2 separate entrances)
8:45 – 3:15	Y6	Hall door

Additional information

1. All children will need to be in school uniform each day, barring the day that your child has PE. If you have purchased multiple uniforms for your child, please try to ensure your child has clean clothes on each day.
2. **It is very important that your child arrives promptly into school and only accesses the entry point allocated to his/her class.** Punctuality is of the utmost importance and I would ask parents to ensure that children are not late as this will have an impact on the other year groups. At the end of the day, children will need to be picked up promptly from their exit point, as we will no longer be able to take all the children down to the reception area - this will mean breaking of bubbles.
3. **I would kindly request that all parents wear a face mask/covering when dropping off their child.** The 2-metre rule still applies when parents are lining up with their child. I would also like to remind parents to leave promptly once their child has entered the building and not congregate outside of school.

4. **It is vital that we have up-to-date contact details from all parents** – in the event that your child needs to go home, we will contact parents to pick up their child immediately.
5. Children will have the option of school dinners or sandwiches but will **not** have the option of going home for lunch. **If your child would like a school dinner, this will need to be booked on a half-termly basis;** therefore, children will either need to choose to have sandwiches for the full half term or school dinners for the full half term- if your child brings in a packed lunch on Tuesday 8th September, they will need to continue with packed lunches for the remainder of the half term. If your child chooses a school dinner on Tuesday 8th September, they will need to continue with school dinners for the remainder of the half term.

Safety

We will be emphasising with children the importance of safety. Our safety measures will include:

- Washing hands regularly and thoroughly for at least 20 seconds
- Sanitising hands each time a child arrives in the classroom
- Coughing or sneezing into a tissue and immediately disposing of the tissue in the bin
- Ensuring the children bring in a clean water bottle each day
- Those children opting for packed lunches bringing their food in disposable containers
- All children opting for the school dinner or sandwich option - **no children will be allowed to go home for lunch**

It is important that we work together to highlight the importance of adhering to these safety measures.

If a child becomes unwell during the school day with symptoms of COVID 19, we will follow the latest advice from the government and Public Health England. We will ensure the child is isolated until parents arrive to collect their child and that parents arrange a test for COVID 19, as soon as possible. If there is a confirmed case(s), we will immediately contact Public Health England with full details and follow their advice. If children are instructed to isolate, then it is our intention to stream live learning of some lessons to ensure children do not miss out on learning (further details will follow next week). If your child, or a member of your household, shows symptoms of COVID 19, children must be kept home from school and the school must be informed immediately.

The main symptoms listed on the NHS website are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus, the NHS advice is as follows:

1. Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test results – only leave your home to have a test.

I am looking forward to seeing all our families next week.

Stay safe

Kind regards

Mrs Qureshi