

Provision in Newlyn School in September

We are expecting all children in all year groups to return to school full time in September.

Our plans are in line with government guidance and have been reviewed and agreed by TPAT. As government guidance changes, we will adjust our reopening plans accordingly and will also need to prepare for local closures to schools.

Children will be expected to come to school and attendance will be monitored in the same way as previously.

To make this possible and to keep everyone as safe as we can, we have had to make changes to the school day.

Start date

The first day of school for your children will be **Monday 7th September**. The staff will be in school on Thursday and Friday 3rd and 4th September so this would be a good time to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Reception children will start on Wednesday 9th at 9.15am and will finish at 1pm every day that week. They need to bring their own packed lunch. On Monday 14th September they will begin full time and can have a school dinner if required.

‘Bubbles’

We will try and keep our children in 4 ‘bubbles’ in school. There will be an infant bubble for all infant children. These children will be able to play together and will not be expected to maintain social distance. However, staff must maintain a 1 metre distance for their own safety so please discuss this with your child.

Our junior children will be in a Y3 bubble, a Y4 bubble and a Y5/6 bubble. We have made these decisions based on educational and locational factors.

The ‘bubbles’ will eat and play separately, limiting contact as much as possible.

What should my child bring to school?

Your child needs to bring as little as possible to school with them.

- **water bottle**
- **healthy snack for all year groups**
- **coat or sun hat**
- **PE kit**
- **Packed lunch if not having school dinners**

Please do not bring any toys or pencil cases.

Packed Lunches

Your child can use any container for their packed lunch. They will be the only one touching it and it will be kept in their bag so plastic containers are entirely acceptable.

Bags

Bags will be kept in the classroom to make sure children do not have to use crowded cloakrooms. Please only let your child bring **one bag** as there is not enough space in the classroom for every child to bring two bags. We are not expecting children to bring book bags. Please try to put your child's PE kit, lunch box, drink and school diary and reading book in **one bag**. They will keep this bag with them in the classroom and can take out things like their lunch or drink whenever they need them.

PE kits

A basic PE kit should remain in your child's bag for the week but will come home with your child each night.

Spare clothes for infant children

Foundation children and any child in the infants/juniors who needs to, should bring in a named carrier bag with a change of clothes in case of accidents during the school day. These bags will remain on your child's peg.

Breakfast club and break time snacks

There will be no breakfast club or break time snacks provided when we first return to school. This is to avoid children mixing between 'bubbles'. We will review this at a later date.

Please make sure your child brings their own healthy snack to school.

We are **not receiving fruit for infant children** currently due to the pandemic so please make sure your child brings something with them. It is incredibly important to children that they have their snack at break time.

School uniform

School uniform should be worn by all children. Please let the office know if you have any difficulty with this.

Reading books and reading diaries

Your child will receive a reading book. We will have a quarantine system in place for reading books so that they will be stored for three days before being given to another child.

Our teachers will wash their hands before and after they handle reading diaries and we ask you to do the same please. We do feel that reading diaries are an important way to communicate with you.

*****Arrival at school in the morning*****

Children can be dropped off at school **from 8.30am** but must be in school by **9.10am**, (except for new Reception children who will arrive at 9.15am for the first few weeks). This will hopefully stagger arrival times making parking easier and limiting the number of people arriving at the school gate.

A member of staff will be waiting at the school gate and will tell your child when they can go through. If your child is able to go into school by themselves we ask that you allow them to do so. If your child is an infant and needs a parent to accompany them then **one parent only** can bring them into the playground. (New Reception children can be accompanied up to the building).

There will be places to wait on the slope and 18 boxes in the playground. The children will walk through the boxes and will be directed into their classrooms through different entrances, supported by staff at all points.

*****End of the day change to finishing times*****

Rec/Y1 class: 2.45pm

Y1/2 class: 2.55pm

Y3 class: 3.05pm

Y4 class: 3.10pm

Y5/6 children: 3.20pm

Families can pick up all their children at the earliest time, e.g. if a Reception child has a Y5 sibling then the Y5 can also go home at 2.45pm.

Parents will be asked to let us know if a child is able to walk home alone.

Home-school learning

As it is highly likely there will be some disruption to the autumn term and the possibility of a localised lockdown, the teachers will be speaking to you about home-learning. We want to know whether you prefer on-line learning or a paper resource pack. We also want to know how much work you would like for your child each day as we are aware that personal circumstances vary enormously.

Ill children

If your child is ill in any way, they **must not come to school**. If your child becomes ill at school then we have to send them home so please be prepared for a lot of disruption to the autumn term. If your child displays any symptoms at all, no matter how minor, e.g. complains of a sore throat, then we ask that your child stays at home and is tested as soon as possible. All children can now be tested. Please call NHS111 to arrange for a test.

Testing positive

Current government guidance says that there now need to be two positive cases of the virus before the whole bubble is sent home to self-isolate for two weeks.

Parental communication

It is so important that we have an up-to-date contact number for you. Please remember to let the school know if you change phones or telephone numbers. Thank you very much.

Wearing of masks

A significant number of staff at school are considered to be vulnerable to Covid-19. Some may wear a mask or clear visor and will need to ensure they follow social distancing rules strictly.

Some parents have asked if their children can wear masks to school. We found last term that children who wore masks quickly took them off in the classroom as they became uncomfortable. However, if your child feels they want to wear a mask and if it helps them to feel more confident about returning to school then it is not a problem if they choose to do so.