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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you and your families safe and well.

As you are probably aware, the government has made the announcement that schools should fully reopen from the start of the upcoming autumn term. More detailed information has been released in the last few days on how to maintain safety for our children and staff.

The full reopening of schools has been decided on the basis of:

- The prevalence of coronavirus decreasing
- The new NHS test and trace system being in place
- More clarity about the measures that need to be in place to create safe environments in schools
- Time out of school being detrimental to children's development
- The low risk to children of becoming severely ill from coronavirus

This means we're planning to open to all of our pupils in September. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back from **Monday 7th September** and we're working hard to make the school a safe, enjoyable environment for our children's return.

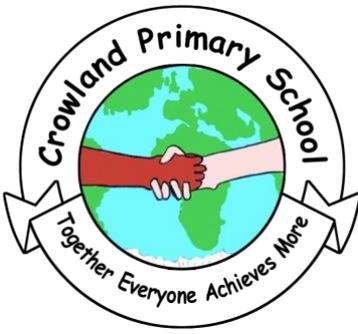
In this letter we want to outline what you can expect from us and what we will expect from all of our parents and carers.

Attendance

Attendance will be mandatory in September, as the government expects all pupils to attend school. The usual rules will apply, meaning we will be recording attendance and following up on any absences.

If your children have been staying at home due to the current shielding guidance, the government is due to pause this guidance on 1st August if there's a continued decline in coronavirus transmission rates. That means they should be able to come back to school in September.

However, if you've received clinical or public health advice that your children should still remain at home, please let us know and continue to follow that guidance. We will be offering remote education to these pupils.



Safety measures

When your children come into school, we'll have the following protective measures in place:

- The new arrangements for start times and end times to the school day (More information on this will be sent before the end of term)
- Procedures for the gates where children will be dropped off and picked up (More information to be shared)
- Pupils will be expected to bring into school only their essential items: bag, water bottle, packed lunch and sanitizer (this is optional)
- If children are walking to school on their own please guide your children, following safety tips on this link: <https://www.marybridge.org/blog/tips-for-walking-to-school-safely/>

How pupils will be kept safe in school

There are several measures that we will put in place in order to ensure the safety of our children as follows:

- Good personal hygiene through regular handwashing routines supported by strategically positioned hand sanitizers in all classrooms
- All children will remain in protected 'bubbles' of no more than 30 per class and 60 per year group at all times. This is to minimise the risk of cross-contamination between groups. A 'bubble' or 'pod' refers to the designated group in which all adults and children remain
- Regular cleaning will be conducted throughout the day in order to maintain hygiene on frequently used surfaces
- A new behavior policy which emphasizes pupil expectations regarding self-hygiene measures, movement around the school and use of equipment.
- Social distancing measures between adults and children will remain as far as it is possible and classroom organisation will reflect this
- If a staff member or pupil develops symptoms they will be asked to leave school and take a test in order to investigate further. There is an allocated, protected ventilated space identified for the child to remain in until they are picked up by parent/carer
- Parents and carers must notify school immediately if their child displays symptoms. Please see link for information <https://what0-18.nhs.uk/popular-topics/coronavirus>
- If there is a confirmed case, the whole 'pod' (class) will be asked to self-isolate. In such a case, learning will continue remotely
- School meals will be served in the form of packed lunches for the first half of the Autumn Term, in order to avoid mixing of different groups



- Separate play equipment will be allocated to each 'pod' and disinfected at the end of each day, in order to avoid cross-contamination between groups
- Areas used by different groups of children such as the IT Suite, will be disinfected between uses.
- PE lessons will take place outdoors as far as possible and all contact sport will be avoided.
- School uniform to be worn at all times in order to ensure safety and ease of identification if children are walking between home and school
- School trips will be kept to a minimum for the time being and will take place within the local area where necessary, in order to avoid gatherings and use of public transport. Avoidance of residential trips as per government advice in order to maximise safety of our children

We are currently working as a school under strict risk assessment measures. The Senior Leadership Team and the governors are working hard to prepare the risk assessment for the September return in line with government and local authority guidelines. Once complete this will be going up on our website for easy access.

Curriculum

Although there will be some changes to reflect the teaching time that was lost during the lockdown, we will be striving to provide an ambitious and broad curriculum.

Our current plan is:

- Previous year's teachers and subsequent year group teachers will be working very closely together at the beginning of term in order to ease transition and identify learning content for each class.
- Identify any learning gaps in relation to the whole class as well as individual pupils. This will be done with careful consideration so as to avoid damage to children's confidence and incentive for learning upon their return to school
- There will be a strong emphasis on booster sessions and interventions to maximise scope for catch up programs
- By the end of the autumn term we aim to return to our normal curriculum reflecting the full breadth and richness it has on offer
- Remote learning will continue to be available in case of lockdown or isolation of groups



Pastoral support

We're aware that the lockdown has been a difficult time for many of us, including our pupils.

We will make sure that we have clear plans in place to support any of our pupils who have gone through difficult experiences, or who are feeling anxious about their return to school.

If you have concerns that you would like to share with us we will ask you to do one of the following things:

1. Arrange an appointment to speak with your new class teacher
2. Send in a concern form (which will be forwarded to you nearer the time)
3. Send information on to myconcerns@crowland.haringey.sch.uk which will be received by Ms Dyer

Our current plans to support your children's wellbeing during this time are:

- Regular 'circle time' sessions to explore feelings, thoughts and worries
- A Personal, Social and Emotional strand as an additional part to the curriculum
- A newly appointed Learning Mentor who will run nurture groups and 1:1 support sessions
- Counselling services which support individuals on one to one or group therapy sessions
- If you have any questions or concerns about the points set out above regarding mental health and emotional wellbeing, please contact Ms Dyer directly on 07494542906.

We are aware that this is a lot of information in one letter, but we want you to feel assured that plans are underway for our children's return to school while ensuring that all safety measures are in place.

We are extremely grateful for all the support we've received so far from our parents and carers and we very much look forward to welcoming everyone back, especially our children.

We will continue to keep in touch if there are any updates to our plans or if we need to make changes due to new or updated government advice.

Warm regards,

Stav Stavrinou

