



NANSTALLON SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Full Reopening Information – September 2020

I write with much anticipation of the eagerly awaited new school year. We are really looking forward to welcoming all the children back and settling in our new Reception pupils and new pupils in other year groups.

During the summer break many further improvements have been made to the school premises including:

- New outdoor learning areas at the front and rear of school serving Miss Evans' and Mrs Winch's classes;
- Levelled or ramped access to improve accessibility;
- Full redecoration of classrooms, hall, corridors, headteacher's office, staffroom and children's toilets;
- Painting of outside walls;
- Deep cleaning;
- Jet washing of play areas / learning outdoor areas.

We have also commissioned a new grounds team who will be improving the field and gardens so that children can get more involved in growing and understanding the natural world.

The following is a timely reminder of our firm and certain plans for the full reopening of our school. Children have a right to an education, and we will provide this full time for all children. The following arrangements are explained as frequently asked questions.

- ***What date will my child return to full time school?***

New Reception pupils will start school on **Thursday 3 September**. This will help the new pupils' induction and settling.

Year 1 will join the new Reception children and start school on **Friday 4 September**.

Children in Y2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will start school on **Monday 7 September**.

- ***What time will school start for my child?***

The start and finish times tie in with the current national measures to reduce contact and to reduce the number of cars at drop off and collection time.

Breakfast Club will start at 8am

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children (Juniors) will need to arrive at school between 8:30am and 8:45am. Registration and learning will begin at 8:45am for these children

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Reception, Year 1 and 2 children (Infants) will need to arrive between 9am and 9:15am. Registration and learning will begin at 9:15am

Junior children will need to be dropped off in the car park by the main entrance; myself and teachers will meet and greet the children and escort or guide them to their class and play area. The children will soon get used to the routine and gain independence quickly.

Infant children can be taken to the gates of the Adventure Zone outdoor area, taking the route through the green gates and along our new levelled pathway. I will be at the main entrance to welcome and guide you. Teachers and teaching assistants will greet you and your child in the outdoor area. Again, after a few days, the children will soon get used to the routine and gain independence quickly.

- ***What if I have a child in the infants and the juniors?***

Parents of children in infant and junior classes may leave infant children at Breakfast club at 8:30am. Miss Smallcombe and Mrs Robinson will look after the children until 9am when infant children start arriving for their school day. Whilst we are making the change in line with national guidance, this will be a long-term change to reduce the number of cars the school and village does not have capacity to accommodate.

Weather permitting, you might have a local walk between the two start times. Morning exercise will invigorate you both. You could even consider parking in the Borough Arms car park and walking to Nanstallon along the trail combining exercise with an appreciation of the natural world.

- ***What time will school finish for my child and where will we meet?***

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children will finish school at 3pm.

Reception, Year 1 and 2 children will finish school at 3.20pm.

After school provision will start at 3pm for junior children and infant children will be able to join this at 3:20pm. Registration and booking can be made with Abi Fraser in the office by phone or email.

Parents will meet children on the main playground and we ask (until advised differently) that only one parent collects and maintains their own safe distance from other parents.

Once we have started the Autumn Term routine, we will introduce and offer after school clubs. Details will be available in due course.

Parents of children in the infants and juniors may use the field between 3pm and 3:20pm when the infants (YR, 1 and 2) finish their school day.

- ***What will happen at lunchtime?***

Lunch will be staggered between 11:55am and 1:15pm for all groups. We ask that most children return to school dinners. Lunches for Reception, Year 1 and 2 are FREE and funded by government. We have left Chartwell Catering and are running our kitchen independently. The success of this is very much in your hands. We will source local produce and prepare and cook fresh on site every day.

5 for the price of 4 consecutive meals remains as does the price of £2.30 per day. We want you to book the meals in advance online using ParentPay but will accommodate emergency orders on the day should you experience technical issues.

We will cater for all Reception pupils on 3 September and for Reception and Year 1 on 4 September.

- ***Will my child wear school uniform?***

During the phased return, we allowed children to wear non-uniform. From September, we expect all children to return wearing school uniform. *If you have ordered new uniform, it will be available to collect on Wednesday 2 September from the school office between 8:30am and 4pm.*

We also expect all children to have a PE kit (black / navy shorts, trainers and a plain white t-shirt) in school every day. For Health and Safety reasons, long hair must be tied back and jewellery including earrings is not permitted and should therefore be removed or covered during PE.

Mrs Brown and Miss Finlay will advise parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 further about clothing for outdoor learning.

- ***Will my child attend school full time?***

Attendance at school will be full time and mandatory unless children are ill.

Our attendance policy will be reinstated as of 1 September 2020, please see our website policies page for further details.

- ***How will the school reduce the amount of contact?***

During Autumn Term, we insist that parents please remain outside the building. As a school, we will put in place the recommended preventative measures advised in government guidance.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school2) clean hands thoroughly more often than usual3) ensure good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach4) introduce enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often |
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For most parts, we want school to resume to normal with some enhanced measures such as:

- enhanced cleaning routines (which is actually good practice)
- staggered drop off and collection times
- staggered lunches
- keeping the children in key stage groups - which in our school is a similar size as a year group in a two form entry school
- having key stage and class based assemblies

Swimming lessons for junior children (Years 3 to 6) will not restart until Spring Term.

Children under 12 are exempt from face coverings and will only serve to further impede normal breathing. Therefore, they will not be worn in our school particularly as they do not ensure good respiratory hygiene.

PPE will only be needed by staff if a child becomes ill with coronavirus symptoms in school and only then if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained. In this instance, the child will

be isolated with a staff member in a calm and caring environment and their parent will be contacted to collect their child as soon as possible. *The symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.*

- ***What will the school do about the curriculum my child has missed since March?***

We know that the learning experiences of our children at home will have been varied due to the different circumstances of each household. We are incredibly grateful for the support you have provided.

Our focus, alongside rebuilding social norms and connections, will be to recover the curriculum missed since March. We envisage that most of this Autumn Term will focus on recovering objectives, skills, knowledge and understanding from the point of the curriculum they had reached before the school closed.

We will continue to use the Seesaw APP in the classroom to:

- Share learning with parents;
- Set home learning to practise skills and/or extend projects.

Warmest regards,



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