

**St Day and Carharrack Primary School**  
**Parent Fact Sheet – frequently asked questions COVID-19**

In the classrooms	<p>How will the classroom be set up?</p> <p>How will social distancing work with young children?</p>	<p>We are working to minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible but this cannot be guaranteed and nor is it a government requirement for younger children.</p> <p>Children will be in class “bubbles”, with their teacher and TA. Where possible bubbles will be kept apart so that there is little risk of cross contamination between bubbles.</p> <p>Where it is necessary for staff to move between bubbles distancing will be maintained where possible.</p> <p>Within a bubble, social distancing will be encouraged as appropriate to the age and needs of the child.</p> <p>Desks will be forward facing and face to face contact will be kept to a minimum.</p>
Grouping the children	<p>Will they have their usual teacher / teaching assistant?</p> <p>Will this remain consistent?</p>	<p>Children will be arranged in their new classes for September. They will be taught by their teacher and a regular teaching assistant assigned to the same one bubble. Wherever possible we will be aiming to stick to this plan and will only be restricted by any changes to staffing levels.</p>
Lunchtime	<p>What will happen at lunch time?</p> <p>Will I still receive Free School Meals vouchers?</p> <p>Will the children be able to play with their friends?</p> <p>Will school meals be served?</p>	<p>Children entitled to free school meals or Infant school meals will be provided with lunch.</p> <p>Initially our school kitchens will only be producing packed lunch bags, in order to help us reduce the risk of infection. A menu will be provided once available.</p> <p>Parents/carers of pupils within KS2 who are not entitled to free school meals will be able to order and pay for packed lunches via parent pay only.</p> <p>Meals will be eaten in the classroom with the children in the bubble.</p> <p>The government are no longer providing Free School Meals vouchers as normal Free School Meal systems resume within school.</p> <p>Children will go outside to play at break and lunch (weather permitting) with the children in their bubble.</p> <p>Break and lunchtimes will be staggered so that children will not come into contact with children in other bubbles.</p>
Drop off, pick up	<p>How will pick up/ drop off work? Would I be able to bring other children with me to pick up the one in school?</p>	<p>Pick up and drop off times will be staggered. We are asking for your support to stick to agreed times. This is for your safety, as adults, as much for the children.</p> <p>To safeguard our children and staff and minimise the risk of any virus transmission, we will not be allowing parents to enter the school/reception building.</p> <p>Children must be brought to school by one adult only, who should wait with their child outside their designated entrance. A staff member will greet them and call them in one at a time, ready to sanitise hands first. If your child walks on their own, they will also follow the same system.</p> <p>Your child’s adults will support at the beginning and end of the day.</p> <p>When picking up or dropping off, please do not congregate in groups and please maintain social distancing at all times for your own safety.</p>

Communication	<p>How can I communicate with the teacher?</p> <p>Will I be allowed into the classroom to settle them in the morning?</p>	<p>Should you need to speak to a member of school staff please do not come into school but call or email to prearrange a meeting. Meetings will be undertaken either by phone, online, or where it must be face-to-face, in a safe socially-distanced manner outside.</p> <p>Parents will not be allowed into classrooms or the school office. Hayley Uren will be outside in the mornings to take any urgent messages/medicines to pass onto teachers.</p>
Times of the day	<p>What time will school start / finish?</p> <p>Will the school open for the full day?</p>	<p>Please see the staggered timetable for drop off and collection times. We need your support to stick to these times to support social distancing. All children will be expected to return to school for the full day Monday to Thursday and collected between <b>12:40-13:10 pm on a Friday</b>.</p>
Testing for Covid 19	<p>Will all staff and children be tested?</p> <p>What happens if someone in the school tests positive?</p> <p>What should I do if my child has symptoms of Covid -19?</p>	<p>If a member of staff or child tests positive for Covid-19 we will follow Public Health England advice and communicate with parents accordingly.</p> <p>Children should not be sent into school if they are unwell. Any child who presents with a cough or fever will be sent home.</p> <p>Should you, your child or another member of your household develop potential COVID-19 symptoms, you must self-isolate immediately and please ensure that you inform the school as soon as possible. The self-isolation period lasts for 7 days for the person who is unwell, 14 days for the family.</p> <p>All children who are attending school, and their families, will be eligible for COVID-19 testing should they develop symptoms.</p>
Hygiene and cleaning	<p>How will cleaning be managed?</p> <p>Will all children be supervised regularly washing their hands?</p> <p>Will hand sanitiser be available?</p> <p>Can my child bring in a favourite toy?</p> <p>Does my child need PE kit?</p> <p>What about other equipment?</p>	<p>Our school is undergoing a more rigorous cleaning schedule to ensure that all high-risk areas such as door handles, handrails etc. are being cleaned and disinfected on a regular basis throughout the day.</p> <p>Children's personal hygiene routines will be enforced as an integral part of their day with additional mini breaks.</p> <p>We would encourage all parents to access the eBug learning resources to help prepare children for their return to school.</p> <p>New hand sanitisers are available for entry and exit to and from school. We encourage all children to have tissues on them at all times to catch coughs/sneezes and to bin these.</p> <p>No toys or personal items will be allowed into school.</p> <p>Children do not need to bring PE kit, on days where they have PE they will be allowed to wear their PE kit to school. There will be a temporary relaxation in school uniform for footwear and children can wear trainers on non PE days to support daily physical activity.</p> <p>Children can bring water bottles, packed lunches and return reading books. One small bag to contain these items will be permitted.</p>
PPE	<p>Will staff wear PPE?</p> <p>Will the children have to wear masks?</p>	<p>Wearing a face covering or face mask is not recommended, except where a child becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus at school, in which case the supervising adult should wear PPE if they cannot maintain a 2 metre distance.</p> <p>Staff may wear PPE when providing intimate care such as nappy changing or supporting with toileting or first aid procedures which require closer than recommended contact.</p>

		<p>Inappropriate use of face masks can increase the risk of contamination. Children are not to come into school with face masks.</p> <p>The guidance specifically states that there are a number of alternative protective measures that should be taken instead which should reduce any concerns eg washing hands, cleaning surfaces, use of 'catch it, bin it, kill it' for coughs and sneezes.</p>
Uniform	Will they need to wear school uniform? Will I need to wash their clothes every day?	<p>Children should attend school in full uniform.</p> <p>Uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often than usual, nor do they need to be cleaned using methods which are different from normal.</p>
Learning	<p>Will home learning resources continue?</p> <p>Will PE still take place?</p> <p>How will you help my child to 'catch up' on any learning missed?</p>	<p>All children should return to school in September. We will therefore not be setting home learning resources for all children.</p> <p>Where children need to stay at home because they are self-isolating or have been advised to by their specialist health care professional the school will continue to support learning at home.</p> <p>There will be physical activities throughout the day however no changing into PE kit will be required. Your child can come to school in their PE kit on their assigned day.</p> <p>We know that as families you will have worked hard to maintain education whilst achieving a balance within your home lives. Our teachers are highly skilled at assessing the needs of individual children within the classroom and will ensure that they start the learning at the stage your child needs, providing support and guidance where needed. We are confident that the vast majority of children will settle back into the school routine able to access new learning quickly. Where we identify that children may need a bit of extra support, this will be managed by the class teacher in consultation with parents to.</p>
Personal care and pastoral needs	How will you comfort my child if they need it?	<p>It will not always be possible to maintain social distancing at school and whilst this is important, the emotional needs of children are important too. Parents will be contacted immediately if we have any concerns.</p>
Attendance	<p>Will attendance be compulsory?</p> <p>What if my child has been advised to 'shield'?</p> <p>How will you support my anxious child to return?</p>	<p>School is fully open and all children should return.</p> <p>The government has advised us that from 1<sup>st</sup> August all advice to shield will be paused. This means that the vast majority of pupils should be able to return to school in September. If you are concerned about your child due to specific medical reasons please talk to your specialist health care professional and contact me directly to agree the best course of action for your child.</p> <p>After an extended period of absence it is only natural that some children and parents may be worried. If you have particular concerns about your child please contact your child's teacher or contact me directly.</p>