



# Cragside Church of England Primary School

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**School Motto:**  
**“Let Your Light  
Shine”**

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**LET your  
LIGHT  
SHINE  
Before  
OTHERS**  
Matthew 5:16



3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021

## Newsletter 16: 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021

Dear Cragside Family,

Happy New Year. I hope, despite all the current challenges and restrictions, that you and your family have had a safe, restful and happy Christmas and New Year.

Like me, you may have seen information from our government and others in the press over the last few days about schools reopening after Christmas.

**In terms of our school, we have a planned training day on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January and very much hope that we will be able to open for all our pupils on Tuesday. I will confirm this on Monday via SchoolsBuddy.**

During the autumn term we constantly looked at the procedures that we have in place to support the management of the virus. We continue to look carefully at all our procedures during this new spring term. Regular cleaning, access to PPE and organisational changes such as our staggered start/end times will all continue. We want our school to be as safe as possible for your children and our staff.

### Safety Measures at the Start and End of the School Day

To help with the safety of children, staff and parents, please would it be possible to mention the ongoing safety procedures that we would very much appreciate your continued help with at the start of the spring term. **It is absolutely essential that no one (adults or children) enter our school grounds if they are displaying any Covid-19 symptoms or are awaiting a test result.** A summary of the procedures for the start and end of the day are:

1. **One adult to collect children at the end of the day or drop off at the start of the day.** This will reduce the number of adults and older children on the yard at any one time.
2. **2 metre rule whilst waiting for children at the end of the day.** Please avoid close social interaction with other families whilst on the yard. Please move forward to collect your child when he/she comes out of their door which will help the safe flow of adults and children at the end of the day.

3. **Parents of Y5/6 children, if possible, to meet children away from the school** (e.g. at an agreed meeting point such as the local shops or just along the cycle path). This, again, will reduce the number of adults on the yard. We completely understand if some parents of Y5/6 children still want to collect them from the yard.
4. **Distancing whilst entering/leaving school**-Please would all adults and children follow the arrows around the yard and try to walk approximately 2 metres behind the person in front. Please would parents hold the hand of younger children and remind children not to play on the play equipment or play tag on the yard.
5. **Please drop off, and collect, at the staggered time for your child's year group.** This will, again, reduce the number of children and adults on the yard at the start and end of the day.

	<b>Start of Day Please arrive between</b>	<b>End of Day (M, T, W, Th.)</b>	<b>End of Day on Friday</b> (unless staying for the free child care provision which finishes at 3.05/3.15pm)
<b>Reception</b>	8.30am-8.45am	<b>3.05pm</b>	<b>12.55pm</b>
<b>Key stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)</b>	8.40am-8.50am	<b>3.05pm</b>	<b>1.00pm</b>
<b>Key stage 2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)</b>	8.30am-8.40am	<b>3.15pm</b>	<b>1.05pm</b>

Thank you very much for all your help with all these measures which are aimed at keeping our children, staff and you safe in our school grounds at the start and end of the day. Thank you for reminding children about the need to keep cleaning hands throughout the day and to put used tissues in our tissue bins.

Thank you very much for all the replies about the Friday timings which we sent out before the Christmas break. This worked well during the autumn term. We will continue this during this half term and review it at the end of January. If children need to stay until 3.05/3.15pm, then collection will, again, be from normal exit doors.

### **Equipment for School**

It would be helpful if children would be able to bring the minimum amount of equipment into school. Items it would be helpful for children to bring include:

- Water bottle-named
- Small packet of tissues
- Small hand sanitiser-named (optional)
- Optional healthy snack for morning break. This might be a piece of fruit or healthy snack bar. Please do not send in crisps, chocolate bars or sweets. KS1 and Reception children will receive fruit/vegetable snacks from the government scheme.
- If your child does not have school dinners, packed lunch (in easily wipe able bag or box)
- Named old shirt or apron (to stay in school) for art lessons.
- A pair of trainers or plimsolls, together with a pair of black shorts and white t-shirt in their normal school bag.
- Please would it be possible to check coats, jumpers and all items of uniform are named.

Thank you very much for all your help as we work together to support the safety of our children, staff and you as parents/carers at the start of this new term. We really do appreciate all your support. I will contact you on Monday via SchoolsBuddy to confirm final arrangements for Tuesday.

Many thanks,

Paul Rusby