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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are really looking forward to seeing you and your children on Thursday, 3rd September (Years 1-6) and Monday, 7th September for Reception. It has been a strange time but I hope you have been able to enjoy some time together over the summer. We are continuing to review the arrangements we have in place for children returning to school and will update you as and when there are any changes. The most recent set of guidance was sent out on Friday evening, so please bear with us as we work through the frequently changing information.

School will reopen to all pupils in **Years 1 to 6 on Thursday 3rd September 2020**. Our new **Reception pupils will start on Monday 7th September 2020**. We have an INSET day at school on Wednesday 2nd September when staff will have the opportunity to meet and go through our Risk Assessments.

Allocating Pupils to a 'Bubble'

Children in Years R,1,2 will be in the Infant bubble and children in Years 3,4,5,6 in the Junior bubble. The children will usually work within their classes, but the 2 Junior classes will be able to join together for breaks and lunchtimes.

To utilise as much space as we can, Mrs Quick's class will be using both the classrooms at the Infant end of the school. Miss Marshall's class will be in the hall.

Maintaining a safe school environment

We will be asking children and staff to frequently wash/sanitise their hands during the school day. In addition, we will be increasing the amount of cleaning throughout the day.

Symptoms of Coronavirus

If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new and persistent cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must be sent home and advised to follow [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#), which sets out that they should self-isolate for at least 10 days and should [arrange to have a test](#) to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19). If they have tested positive whilst not experiencing symptoms but develop symptoms during the isolation period, they should restart the 10-day isolation period from the day they develop symptoms. Other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms. (Gov.uk: 28.08.20)

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If you think your child may have been exposed to or has coronavirus, please contact the school on 01629 822248.

School uniform/PE

Children should come to school in their uniforms as usual – however we have decided that they should come to school in PE kits on the days when they have a PE lesson. We will let you know which days this will be and plan to review this policy in the coming weeks.

School Bags

It is still recommended that we limit the amount of equipment pupils bring to school each day. Therefore, only essentials can be brought to school by pupils such as: lunchboxes, PE kits, hats, and coats. Stationery will continue to be provided by school. Please do not send any pencil cases etc. with your child.

Arrangements for the start and end of the school day

Please see the table below for the arrival and departure times for the children. The Juniors will go straight into school via the door at the top of the playground. Infants should wait on the bottom playground with an adult. Please remember to observe social distancing whilst waiting.

	Arrive	Depart
Robins Class Years R,1,2	8:50am – 9:00am	3:20pm
Owls and Eagles Class Years 3,4,5,6	8:40am – 8:50am	3:10pm

If you have children in both Infants and Junior classes, please arrive and leave in line with the Infant timings.

At the end of the day, Infants will be dismissed from their classrooms – please wait on the soft surface playground area opposite the classroom door. Juniors will be brought to the playground by their class teachers and then sent to you.

What if we arrive late to school?

If, due to unforeseen circumstances you miss your allocated time, please telephone our office staff on 01629 822248 and ask for a new drop off time. Please do not come into the school building unless invited to do so.

Breakfast and After School club

We are able to restart both Breakfast and After school club from Monday, 7th September. In order to allow us to plan for distancing measures in both of these, we will not be able to accommodate any children who have not told us in advance that they will be attending. Whilst we very much hope to be able to return to our usual more flexible approach, this is not initially going to be possible.

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Arrangements for break times and lunchtimes

Children will be on either the top (Juniors) or bottom (Infants) playgrounds at break times and lunch times.

The children will eat lunch in their classrooms. The Infants and Juniors will not be able to play together outside and we would ask that they don't bring in their own footballs etc for use at breaks.

The school day

Miss Marshall's class will be in the hall as there is more space there for them. This means that all PE lessons will be outside (weather permitting).

Collective worship will take place in the Infant or Junior bubble groups. Some days the children will have Collective Worship within their own class.

Visiting School

If you need to speak to the school at any time, please contact the school by phone on 01629 822248 or by email on info@cromford.derbyshire.sch.uk. Whilst we usually love to be able to welcome you into the school building, we are not able to allow this without an appointment.

Thank you in anticipation of your support with this. I expect that it may take us longer than usual to get all the children safely into the building for the first few days so please be patient with us – and keep the social distance of 2m between households.

We are really looking forward to seeing everyone back in the building again.

Best wishes.

Liz Foster
Headteacher