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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for parents

We believe it would be helpful to read the following questions and answers to help you prepare your child/children for a return to school, as it will be a very different environment to when they left in March.

What is the impact of a class group?

It means that the number of people that come into contact with each other is minimised and should there be any concern about the spread of C19, we know who may have been in contact with who and we can provide appropriate support and guidance.

What will the classes look like?

The classrooms all have clear worktops for easy cleaning. Tables in each of the classes have been set up, to provide maximum spacing for children to work, and play. All non-essential furniture and soft furnishings have been removed and put into storage.

Whole class teaching will be carried out at the front of the class by the teacher, with the children working at their spaces, facing the front.

Each child will have their own paper, whiteboard and stationery equipment as appropriate.

There will be an allocated number of Ipads/computers for each class. These will also be wiped down after individual use.

How are you keeping my child safe when they are in school?

We will be using lots of soap and water, on entry and exit, throughout the day, before lunch and at regular intervals.

How will you keep the areas clean?

Working with the cleaners, there will be a greater level of cleaning, with regular extensive cleaning across all the school. In every class, there will be antibacterial sprays and wipes, gloves and tissues. Staff will clean desks and door handles throughout the day. We will also have one member of staff who is not designated to a class but will wear protective PPE to clean areas such as toilets frequently throughout the day.



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Will my child get to play and work with their friends?

Yes, if they are in the same class. Please remember that playing will not be the same as it was before due to the desire to socially distance.

Will my child still have break times and play times?

Yes, of course. They will remain in their classes and will have designated time slots and areas for their classes. Staff are working on the types of activities that they can provide for the children, whilst bearing in mind social distancing rules.

Will the learning be the same as before?

We will follow the curriculum but a greater emphasis will be put on the basic skills of English, Maths, PHE (Personal, Health and Emotional) and PE (Physical Education) initially.

Will my child need to come in uniform?

Yes, we are expecting school uniform. We would prefer it to be washed as much as you are able to manage.

Will I need to provide any equipment?

No, learning equipment will be required as we will provide this - each child will have their own resource pack. You will need to provide your child with their own water bottle filled with water. No juice or squash please. They will also need a healthy mid-morning snack (e.g. whole or sliced fruit, vegetable sticks, rice cakes) along with packed lunch if not entitled to free school meals or universal free school meals. Hot meals will be available from September. Children can fill their own water bottle up throughout the day, if they need to.

What if I need breakfast and/or after school care?

If you need this provision, please go onto The Holiday Club Gloucester Facebook site, email theholidayclubgloucester.co.uk or phone 07894 354756 for further information.

Will the start and finish times of the school day be the same?

No. We will operate a staggered start and finish time - this is to reduce contact across groups and to control social distancing expectations. You will be notified of your child's start date and their start and finish times shortly. There will be a short time slot e.g. 10 minutes; therefore it is absolutely necessary that children are on time.

Will entrance and exit into school be the same?

No. We will be operating a one-way system; therefore many children will enter/exit via a different gate and/or door. There will be clear markings and we expect all adults and children to strictly adhere to these markings. Staff will be on hand to help and support you. The aim of this is not to have

gatherings of people at any one time. Please see the video on the school website.

Can I still escort my child into school?

Yes, many children will need support from you to give them the confidence that everything is OK and that they are going in the right direction. Our endeavour is always to make new arrangements as safe as possible for everyone in our school and the wider community. No adults will be allowed entry into the classrooms or into the school building.

How do I contact the office or get messages to the staff?

The school office will have limited use to all parents/carers and visitors. If you need to speak to a member of staff then please email admin@caltonprimary.co.uk or phone the office (01452 527689)

Will home learning still be offered to any children who maybe shielding?

Yes, this will continue but will be slightly different due to the teachers now being in school teaching.

My child has an EHCP will they continue to get support?

Yes, however this may look and feel different to your child.

What if my child needs first aid?

We will continue to provide first aid to children. We will be unable to send home the 'green slip'. If first aid is administered the office will contact you to let you know what happened and the first aid administered.

What if my child needs medicine?

We will be unable to administer any medicine unless it is prescribed by the doctor and requires 4 doses. If this is the case, you will need to contact the school office on: 01452 527689

If your child needs an inhaler, this **MUST** be in school and it will be placed in your child's personal tray. We advise that you contact your doctor so that you have inhalers for home and school.

Will you provide sun cream or apply sun cream to my child?

No. We will be unable to provide sun cream or apply it. Your child will need to come to school with sun cream applied by you. Please speak with your child about this before they attend school. In cases where sun cream has not been applied, or your child does not know then your child may not be able to be outside in the sunshine as we cannot guarantee that their designated play area has enough shade. We will of course do our very best to ensure that your child gets fresh air and at all times is safe.

My child is in Year 6, can they walk to and from school on their own?

Yes, but you must have informed the school beforehand. It is important that your child does not arrive before 8:35. It is also important that you speak with your child around social distancing if walking to school with a friend in a different class.

Can my Year 6 child still bring their mobile phone to school?

Yes, however the school cannot take responsibility for this. We will be unable to collect phones like we used to. Your child's phone will go in the tray. No lockers or bags will be in use.

Free School Meals (FSM) and Universal Infant Free School Meal (UIFSM) information

What can parents do to help?

Please ensure that you have read all the information that will be sent to you and sign electronically. The Covid Home School Agreement particularly shows that you are supporting us and each other.

We all look forward to seeing each other very soon. Please stay safe and if you wish to contact the school, please do not hesitate to contact us remotely via the school office: 01452 527689 or admin@caltonprimary.co.uk