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Dear Parents / Carers,

I would like to introduce myself; I would have preferred to do this in person, however during these testing times this is the only possible way.

I am Mrs. Kaufman, the new Deputy Head teacher and SENCo at Thirsk Community Primary school. I have now been working here since the end of April and have started to get to know some of the children who have been accessing the school.

Previously, I was working at Topcliffe CE Academy and before that a large school in St Helens. I have been teaching for 14 years and have experience of teaching from Reception up to and including year 6.

I enjoy sports, especially swimming, which I did at national level; I still coach each week and try to get into the water myself. My favourite subjects in school are Maths, Art and PE (which is the same as when I was a child).

I am very excited to start this new adventure with you all, meeting the staff at Thirsk Community has shown me that this is a fantastic school with hard working adults and children. You are lucky to have such caring staff, educating and looking after your child(ren).

I look forward to the day when I can see the whole school return and get to speak to you all, however I will have to get to know a few classes at a time initially.

Returning to school

School is going to look different and staff will be learning this new structure alongside the children. Attached are some important things we have created in order to keep your child(ren), yourselves and the staff safe. Please take the time to read it with your child(ren), ensuring they understand how the school day and environment will change for their return.

Thank you for your consistent support during these strange times and we look forward to opening the doors and starting to get some of the children back into school and filling it with their precious voices again.

Kind Regards

R. Kaufman

Mrs. R Kaufman

Important things when returning to school

How to keep everybody safe

Stick to the new times for arriving at school

We want to keep everybody safe: you, your family and the adults in school, therefore we do not want lots of people gathering closely outside of school or in the playground.

There are white lines painted on the floor, these are to keep you at a 2m distance, you and 1 adult will stand on a line and wait for your teacher to welcome you in.

Only arrive for opening on gate at:

Y6 – 8.50

Y2-5 – 8.50

YN – 8.50 in the Nursery outdoor area

Y1 - 9.05

YR – 9.20

Leaving school and going straight home

Again, we need to keep everybody safe. We know you will want to play with your friends, but it is still not safe to do so. Please go straight home, wash your hands and clothes, and make sure you keep your family safe. Again, 1 adult will arrive to collect you and will line up on the white line waiting for your teacher to welcome them forward

YN – collection at 11.30 from outside area

YR – collection at 2.30

Y1 – collection at 2.45

Y2-5 – collection at 3.00

Y6 – collection / leave at 3.10 / 3.20



Hygiene is important to keep everybody safe and to kill the bugs

Wash your hands whilst singing a little song, make sure you do the tops of your hands and between those fingers.

Times to wash hands: whenever you enter a room, following the toilet, before eating.

Make sure your hands are fully dry before touching anything to avoid spreading germs.




Keep your equipment safe

You have been given a pack which is yours for everyday in school. This is to make sure you use the same pencil, ruler etc and you will sit at the same desk. Again, this will help to keep you safe. Please, only use **your** equipment!

Leave your pencil cases at home.



You have your own special school bubble, stick to it!



This is to try to reduce the amount of people you will be in contact with. Your bubble will be the class you are in. Play times are in bubbles, leaving school will be in bubbles. Keep your bubble safe, this includes your teacher and their family.

One-way system

This is an exciting way to move around school. You come in from the gate next to the Children's Centre and only leave by the bottom gate next to the Community Centre. You always stick to the lefthand side of the white lines in the corridor.

ONEWAY

Catch it, bin it, kill it

We still have other bugs around. Remember to kill those bugs by using a tissue, throwing it away and then washing your hands. Remember to cover your mouth with your sleeve or a tissue when you cough and turn away from anybody else, we don't want to spread the germs to our friends.



If you are not feeling well, tell an adult

If you feel unwell, even if it is a little cough, please tell the adult in your classroom straight away. If you feel like this at home, you must tell an adult as it may be safer for you to stay at home – make sure you ring in school though to let us know where you are.



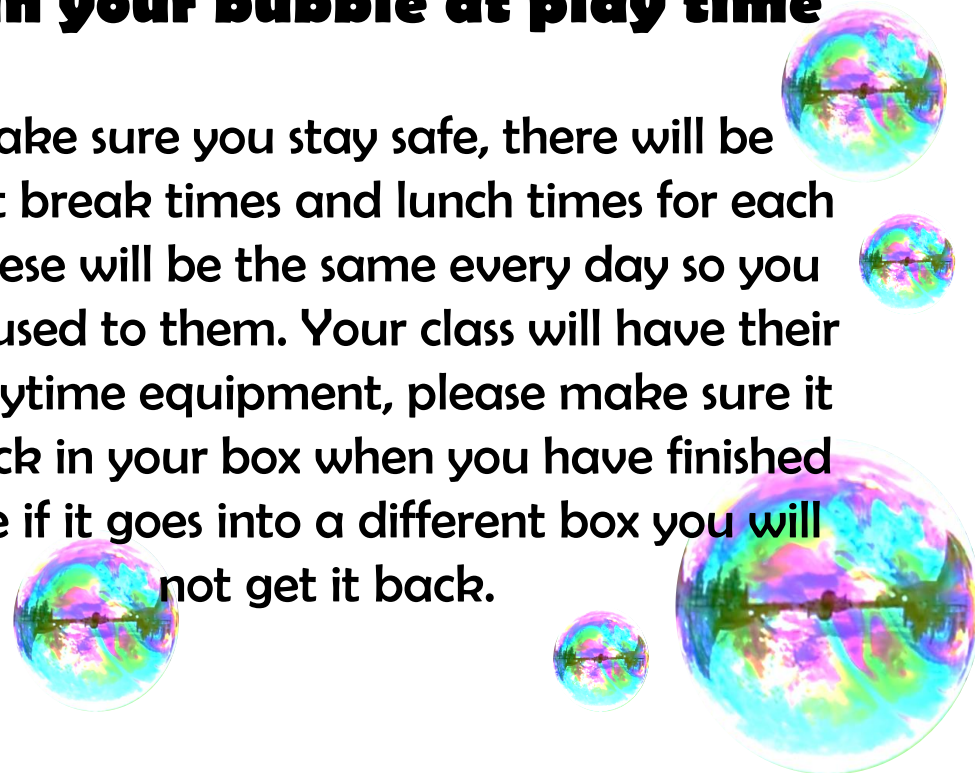
Make sure you have your own drinks bottle

You need to keep healthy; this includes drinking water throughout the day. You need to make sure you have your own drinks bottle each day and keep it on your own desk.



Stay in your bubble at play time

To make sure you stay safe, there will be different break times and lunch times for each class, these will be the same every day so you will get used to them. Your class will have their own playtime equipment, please make sure it goes back in your box when you have finished because if it goes into a different box you will not get it back.



Sticking to the rules

**These important things are here to protect us.
Please keep safe!**

Where will the staff be?

To make sure everybody is kept as safe as we can, the teachers will stand in a different way than what you are used to. If you need help, put your hand up like usual and the teacher will walk from the front of the classroom behind you and lean over (this means that your faces are not close together), they will also hold their hands behind their backs to make sure they don't touch your desk.

PE

You know we love PE! We will do as much outside as possible, but if we do go into the hall you will stick to your given mat and then will be cleaned before another class enter the hall.



Not to touch doors where possible

To help with the reduction of spreading any germs, most doors will be propped open with a door wedge. There will be some, for safety reasons, which are closed, please wait for an adult to open these.



Follow the signs

When outside of school please follow the signs, this includes the car park and walk ways. We don't want you to spread any germs on your way into or out of school. Let's keep safe together!



Please support school in keeping all children, families and staff safe by following these important aspects and helping your child to understand the importance of them.

Thank you

Thirk Community Primary school team

Adults information

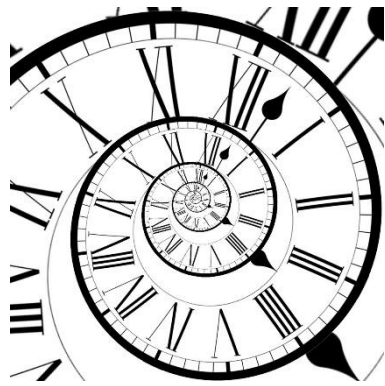
Keep your distance

If you need to speak to a member of staff, please phone or email the school office. Do not speak directly to the staff member or walk into the school building.



Stick to the times

For everybody's safety we have given different start and finish times, please stick to them.



Arriving at school

- Stick to the white lines at 2m distance
- Keep your distance on the car park
- Give a wide berth if you need to pass somebody else
- Wait to be called before leaving the front of the line
 - Follow the signs



Sickness

If your child, or anybody in the family, is showing symptoms, **KEEP THEM OFF SCHOOL**. Contact the school office **immediately** so that we can take precautions within school and follow protocol if any other bubble members need informing.



Less is best

The least amount of people arriving on site is best. 1 adult per family is to enter the premises, if possible, leave other children at home with an adult. If your child is in Y6 and is able to move about the premises sensibly without adult supervision, please leave the premises as soon as possible.