



Shirley Community Primary School Shirley Pre-School

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Re-opening of our school from 8th June: Visual guide for Parents, Carers and Children

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone is keeping well. We are very much looking forward to welcoming back children in Pre-School, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 next week. We are currently getting our building and grounds ready, as well as working on new learning opportunities, and updating policies and procedures in school to ensure we open safely and successfully from 8th June.

We have created a **visual guide**, which is on pages 2-4 of this letter, to help everyone understand how learning at school and at home will work from next week. **Please read this guide and talk to your child about it.** We hope you find it useful.

Opening and Closing of School Site

We will be asking you to line up 2m apart, much in the same way as supermarkets have been doing, to ensure people are kept at a safe distance when entering and leaving. We have marked zones and spots on the path and playground. We will be sending out a video about this soon with further information. Opening and Closing Times will be as follows:

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| Morning: | 8:40am – Gates Open | 8:50am – Doors open (children come in) | 9:10am – Gates close |
| Afternoon: | 2:50pm – Gates Open | 3:00pm – Doors open (children leave) | 3:20pm – Gates close |
| Friday closing: | 12:05pm – Gates Open | 12:15pm – Doors open (children leave) | 12:30pm – Gates close |

The School Office is open but **all communication will be by phone and email.** You should **only come to the School Office if you are collecting a child in an emergency.**

Safeguarding, Behaviour and Learning

In line with national guidance, we are updating our policies for safeguarding and behaviour. Any changes made are in order to ensure safety and wellbeing for everyone. When children return next week, there will be a huge emphasis on meeting children's social, emotional and health needs, as well as more opportunities to explore and learn outdoors. Further information on this and the 'Bubbles' children will be in, will be sent home to you on video by Friday. **Children will be expected to wear school uniform as usual.**

Final Reminders:

- School will **only be open at this stage** to those families who have told us they wish their child to return, as part of the surveys, as well as other key worker children/vulnerable pupils. Everyone received an email about this yesterday. **We cannot yet allow other children back** into the building as we have not made plans for them and numbers would not allow it. We aim to allow a 'second wave' of pupils when we agree it is safe and manageable to do so, and will let you know in due course.
- **Home Learning will continue** to be sent home for children not currently attending school, with the expectation that children take part and send in their learning to their teacher.

As always, if you have any further questions or items you would like to discuss, please email the school office at office@shirley.cambs.sch.uk. We thank you for your ongoing support at this time.

Mr Cattermole

Who is returning to school?



Monday 8th June: Pre-School and Reception children

Tuesday 9th June: Y1 children

Wednesday 10th June: Y6 children



Only children in the above year groups can attend.



Children in Y2-Y5 need to stay home for now, and continue with their home learning.

How are we keeping safe?



Handwashing will happen at regular times throughout the day, and on entry/before leaving every day.



Surfaces and equipment will be cleaned regularly, and school water bottles every day.



There will be fewer children in a room together.



Parents, carers and household groups **MUST** still maintain 2m distance from others, especially when waiting to drop off and collect children.



Visitors, including parents, will **NOT** be allowed in school without a prior appointment.

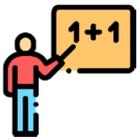
What will change?



Children will be split into smaller groups called, bubbles. They will be with similar aged children and we are aiming to keep them in year groups bubbles.



Children will be taught in different rooms in the building and will spend as much time outside as possible.



Children may be taught by a different teacher and supported by different teaching assistants.



If your child is in Reception, Y1 or Y2, they will be provided with a grab and go lunch. All other children should bring in a packed lunch each day.

If your child normally receives Free School Meal vouchers and will be in school, they will now be given a school 'grab and go' packed lunch. Vouchers will only be for FSM families where the child is at home.



The school day for all children will start at 9am and finish at 3pm.

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Friday lunchtime closing to give extra time for deep cleaning along with staff time for planning and preparation



Drop-off and Collection Zones (to be confirmed via Headteacher and Staff videos)

Pre-School: 1 bubble: Pa – main Pre-School entrance

Reception: 3 bubbles: Ra, Rb and Rc – Nuffield Road Gate (usual one)

Year 1: 3 bubbles 1a, 1b, 1c – Laxton Way Gate (on left facing school)

Childcare Y2/3 and Y4: C2 and C3 – Laxton Way Gate (on right facing school)

Year 6 and Childcare Y5: 6a, 6b and C1: Children's Centre Entrance (Nuffield Road)

We will work to support families dropping off and collecting at different gates – there will be time for this.

What learning can my child access if they are not returning to school?



As we are welcoming back more children to school, the format of learning will change for those who are accessing home learning via our online platform. This is due to the high number of staff needed to operate the bubble system. Daily, home learning activities will continue to be set by a teacher and work sent in will be acknowledged with feedback being provided initially, weekly. We will review this in the coming weeks.



We encourage parents to continue to access the Oak Academy website: <https://www.thenational.academy/> Oak National Academy is a collection of high-quality lessons and online resources. Backed by the Government, it has been created in response to the coronavirus lockdown.



Another highly regarded website used by many schools is 'Explorify', which provides many activities to promote greater curiosity in science and the outdoor World. Home Learning suggestions are updated weekly: <https://explorify.wellcome.ac.uk/blog/explorify-during-school-closures>

What if someone gets the virus?



The adult or child with symptoms must self-isolate for 7 days and arrange to be tested at the doctors.



The people who live with that person must self-isolate for 14 days.



If anyone attending school tests positive, their WHOLE BUBBLE must self-isolate for 14 days. We will inform you if that is the case.