

# Carrington Junior School

## Return to School Information Pack



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## Entry and exit times and arrangements

It has been necessary to stagger entry and exit times so that pupils and parents using the gates and collection areas are able to maintain social distancing as much as possible. It will also allow children to be able to wash their hands before entering classrooms.

One adult per household should escort a child to school or pick up a child.

The times for each class are as follows:

### Entry times

3C	3S	4C	4S	5C	5S	6C	6S	Blossom
8:20 am				8:20 am				
Registration		8:30 am		Registration		8:30 am		
	8:40 am	Registration			8:40 am	Registration		
	Registration		8:50 am		Registration		8:50 am	
			Registration				Registration	9 am

On the first day children will be greeted at the gate by Mrs Majcher or Mrs Cameron and directed to their new classrooms. They will go directly to their rooms and wait to be admitted in a 1m plus distanced line. All children will be directed to wash their hands when they enter the building.

### Exit times

3C	3S	4C	4S	5C	5S	6C	6S	Blossom
2:55 pm	3:15 pm	3:05 pm	3:25 pm	2:55 pm	3:15 pm	3:05 pm	3:25 pm	3 pm

Children should be collected from their year group collection point on the playground by a single adult.

If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and you would like them to walk home, please ensure they complete the permission slip provided at the start of term.

In order to make entry and exit times as easy as possible for parents and carers, we will be providing care for siblings between the entry time of the first sibling and the exit time of the last sibling, so children from one family can arrive at and leave Carrington Junior School together.

We realise that making changes to the school day may mean that parents need to change their arrangements too. The changes to school timings are unavoidable in order to be compliant with government recommendations and to keep your children safe. Unfortunately, due to the interlinked nature of all the arrangements we are not able to make individual exceptions.

## Breakfast and after school club

We have not yet been able to confirm whether the breakfast club will be able to accept our pupils in line with current government guidelines, and whilst maintaining the integrity of our in-school hubs. As soon as we have further information regarding this matter, we will inform parents/carers.

In the event that we are unable to make use of the breakfast and after school club as usual, to support parents who are working away from home, we have made sure that there can be a limited provision available at Carrington Junior School, which will be able to accommodate children in their hub groupings between 8am and 4:30pm. Priority will be given to the children of key worker families in the first instance if this is necessary.

## Class hubs

The government advises that where class sized hubs can be achieved, this is best in order to minimise the potential transmission risk and disruption to the children's learning. At Carrington Junior School we are fortunate to be able to maintain this approach.

In order to maintain the integrity of these hubs and minimise the risk of mixing with other hubs, different classes within a year group will arrive and leave school at different staggered times. This will enable all pupils to have adequate access to handwashing facilities, and minimise crowding in shared areas such as cloakrooms, corridors and at the school gate.

### Hub procedures and protocols

Upon entry to the class hub, pupils will be directed to wash their hands. Only one pupil at a time will use each handwashing or toilet area at a time. Children will wash their hands at the following times: upon entry, before break, after break, before lunch, after lunch, before home time and at any other time it is deemed necessary, in particular after coughing or sneezing. Each class has a dedicated lidded bin, in order to allow the children to follow the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' procedure.

Toilets will continue to be cleaned regularly by our contracted cleaners.

Doors will be propped open where possible and a stringent cleaning routine of surfaces and handles will be followed repeatedly throughout the school day. Each class is also following an agreed cleaning routine within the class as well. Toilets will continue to be cleaned daily by our contracted cleaners and will be used far less frequently due to low pupil numbers.

Children will be taught by one teacher and there will be one teaching assistant allocated to each hub. Staff will change as little as possible but there may be some other necessary changes if there is sickness.

Any other necessary learning equipment (for example, laptops) will be thoroughly cleaned between pupil hubs. Where possible such equipment will be allocated to individual pupils within class hubs.

### Break times and lunches

Each class has a slot for breaktime, where they will have an allocated outside area to play. Only two class groups will be outside at any one time and they will not mix with children from another hub. They will continue to be supervised as usual.

Dolce will be providing grab bag lunches with a hot element, such as pizza, or hot filled rolls. This will need to be booked in the normal way. Please see their website for further information and to make orders.

All children will eat their lunches in their classrooms at the start of their allocated lunch time. They will then go outside for the remainder of lunchtime in a similar arrangement to break time. In order to have fewer pupils outside at any time, lunches will be staggered.

### Equipment and uniform

Only the listed equipment and belongings should be brought into school. Pencil cases should stay in school.

- a water bottle (there are refill points allocated for each class hub)
- packed lunch/ Dolce lunch bag
- fruit snack
- personal pencil case with labelled items
- PE kit – this will go home after PE sessions and should be washed or replaced with alternative sports kit
- pack of tissues
- sun hat ( sun cream may also be brought in ) – these items should be kept in school
- a rain coat if needed

Equipment will remain in school apart from lunch boxes which will go home daily and PE kits which will go home when used.

## Changes to PE Kit:

Please be aware that children need to have a plain tracksuit to wear at all times because due to our Covid-19 adaptations, children will continue to have PE outside in all weathers.

## Clarification of uniform expectations:

Long hair should be tied back using small plain blue, white or red hair bands, slides or ribbons. Large bows are not appropriate for school. Hair should be a natural colour and should not feature beads or shaved-in features, such as lines or patterns.

No earrings or jewellery may be worn.

Please refer to the school uniform document for further details.

## Restorative Curriculum

We are aware that pupils have had a disrupted learning experience this year. We have created a curriculum for September aimed at helping children to return to school confidently and address gaps in their learning. Wellbeing is at the centre of our considerations so staff have all completed training in dealing with loss, coping with change, and supporting children's mental health. Children will have increased access to PSHE to support their wellbeing. The Restorative Curriculum will include a focus on reading, English, PSHE, maths, science and PE. Topic content will be embedded through these subjects and there will be lots of opportunity for practical learning, enabling the children to access elements of art, D&T, history and geography.

## Wellbeing catch-up

We will be arranging a wellbeing catch-up opportunity with each family at some point during the first few weeks of term. If there are any particular issues that may have affected your child during the period of lockdown, please do not hesitate to contact the school sooner, so that we can fully support your child.

## Preparing your child to return

There are several ways you can help your child with their return to school. This includes:

- Reading through the PowerPoint from their new class teacher with them
- Reading regularly with and to your child throughout the summer holidays
- Times tables games
- Talking about returning to school positively and supporting them with their emotions and questions
- View the virtual tour on the school website – check out our new Diamond Courtyard
- Read a bit more 😊

## Home school agreement and expectations

In order to ensure that school is as safe as possible, there is now an updated home school agreement. Please read this carefully, discuss it with your child, and ensure a signed copy is returned to school before your child returns.

We have been extremely impressed with the behaviour of pupils attending school so far, who have adapted to new rules and routines exceptionally well. We are confident that this will continue to be the case when we open to all pupils.

## Reporting and dealing with symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)

Our school routines and procedures ensure that we proactively respond to the current situation in a number of ways, following government guidance. Measures taken include: fitting additional sinks, ensuring each classroom has a lidded bin for used tissues, handwashing is timetabled and part of the daily routine, increasing the number of toilets available to pupils, enhanced cleaning each evening and continual cleaning throughout the day of handles and high flow areas including toilets.

Government guidance states that *parents/carers need to be ready and willing to:*

- Let the school know if a member of your household is showing symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19). In this case, your child must remain at home.
- The symptoms are:
  - A high temperature
  - A new, continuous cough
  - A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- book a test if they are displaying symptoms. Pupils must not come into the school if they have symptoms, and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school. All children can be tested, including children under 5, but children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their parents/carers if using a home testing kit
- provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace
- self-isolate if they have been in close contact with someone who develops coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)

*Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can and should get a test as quickly as possible. Tests can be booked online through the NHS [testing and tracing for coronavirus website](#), or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet. Essential workers, which includes anyone involved in education or childcare, have priority access to testing.*

*Parents should inform schools immediately of the results of a test:*

- *if someone tests negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating. Other members of their household can stop self-isolating.*
- *if someone tests positive, they should follow the 'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection' and must continue to self-isolate for at least 7 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. The 7-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days.*

*In the event of a positive test, that child's hub will then be sent home to isolate for a period of 14 days. Household members of those contacts who are sent home do not need to self-isolate themselves unless the child who is self-isolating subsequently develops symptoms.*

In the event of Covid 19 symptoms showing during the school day, the pupil will be isolated in Nectar room and supervised until they can be collected from the outside door. Staff will wear a mask for this, adding gloves and an apron if they need to directly make direct contact with the child.

If hub closures and staff isolations mean that we cannot safely open individual classes or the school, then in line with our risk assessment, individual classes or the school may remain closed. There may be times where it may be necessary to move to an alternative protocol whereby hubs will be sent home upon the appearance of symptoms rather than upon a positive test.

All guidance is subject to change in line with government guidance and at the discretion of the head teacher.