



## Dilton Marsh Church of England Primary School

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### **Information for pupils return to school from **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September****

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be aware there has now been guidance issued for the **FULL** re-opening of schools in September and we cannot wait to welcome everyone back including those new to our school! As a school we have attempted to maintain a sense of normality, but with the recognition that things are different for us all. The first thing we ask of you, as parents, is to continue to communicate with us, and that, together, we follow the latest Government guidance summarised as follows:

***'Minimise contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school***

*Ensuring that pupils, staff and other adults do not come into the school if they have [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#), or have tested positive in the last 7 days, and ensuring anyone developing those symptoms during the school day is sent home, are essential actions to reduce the risk in schools and further drive down transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19). All schools must follow this process and ensure all staff are aware of it. If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new, continuous 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 ['stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection'](#), which sets out that they must self-isolate for at least 7 days and should [arrange to have a test](#) to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19). Other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.*

*Any members of staff who have helped someone with symptoms and any pupils who have been in close contact with them do not need to go home to self-isolate unless they develop symptoms themselves (in which case, they should arrange a test) or if the symptomatic person subsequently tests positive (see below) or they have been requested to do so by NHS Test and Trace.'*

***Guidance for full opening: Schools (2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020).***

We ask you to please work with us over the next few months as we get the school up to running at full capacity. Attendance from September will be mandatory for all children. Should you have any queries or concerns then please do email me directly – [head@diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:head@diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk) – or phone me before the end of term. We totally recognise that for some children and adults, a return in September will be an anxious time. We will be doing our best to mitigate these issues. Being in a safe environment with friends, playing games and laughing is often enough to reset the equilibrium for the majority of our children.

As a school we are in the process of **carefully planning** for September for the reopening, ensuring that we do this as safely as possible, following the guidance that has been given to us by the DfE, Public Health England and also Wiltshire Council. **The safety of pupils and staff will be our primary concern in this planning process and will remain so throughout.**

## Information for our return in September

**Full School Uniform** is required. We would ask that children wear clean clothes each day and the recommendation is that clothing worn at school is washed when the child gets home.

**Medication** should be given before coming to school. Please try to adapt the timings of medication around school hours as staff will not be able to administer anything during the school day and we need to reduce the number of visitors to the school site.

**Sun cream** should be applied before coming to school as we need to reduce direct contact with the children. If your child is able to apply sunscreen themselves please provide them with their own *named* bottle. Children outside of their family will not be able to share.

**Lunch** options for children in receipt of Free School meals or Universal Infant Free School Meals (children in Years R, 1 and 2) should be ordered via the Form available through the link. If you do not require the meal we still need you to complete the form. You can change your mind at any time with a week's notice. Key Stage 2 children and those who have not told us they would need a free packed lunch will need to bring a packed lunch from home.

Lunch will be eaten in classrooms or outside if the weather permits. All waste will be returned to the lunch box to take home. We will not be providing drinks in cups through the day. Your child must bring in a water bottle which can be refilled during the day.

**Entrance to the school site** will be restricted. To maintain the safety of everyone, we will operate a one way system at drop off and pick up times. This will involve walking up the school lane path from the High Street and then returning through a pathway created on the edge of the car park. School gates will be closed to vehicles from 8.30am to 9.00am and then from 2.45pm to 3.15pm. We ask that you adhere to the 1m plus Social Distancing measures indicated on the school fence. We also ask that just one adult drops off and collects your child/children.

**Drop off.** Your class will be allocated a time between 8.30am and 9.00am to drop off the children. A member of SLT will meet you at the first pedestrian gate where you will hand over your child and we will direct them to an adult who will take them to their classroom or playground area. Year 6 pupils will be directed straight into their classroom. As soon as you have handed over your child, we ask that you leave the premises promptly through the car park route. There will be a number of adults available to support everyone with these new routines. *Please note: timings for drop off are very tight and designed to keep your child safe by limiting their exposure to other bubbles. If you are going to miss your allocated slot we ask that you wait until after 9am to bring your child into school so that other bubbles have gone into class.*

### Drop off times:

8.30 -8.45 – All KS2 children, Willow, Chestnut, Beech and Oak classes

8.45 – 8.55 – All KS1 children, Lime, Cherry and Ash classes

If you have children in more than one class please bring your children at the earliest drop off time. For example, if you have a Y2 and a Y3 child they would both come in between 8.30 and 8.45.

**Collection at the end of the school day will be staggered.** You will be able to collect your children from the playground gate where they will be handed back to you. We ask that you then take them through the carpark path as in the morning. If you have children in more than one class we will ensure that they are together for collection at the first pick up time. For example, if you have a YR and a Y1 child they will both be picked at the YR collection time.

### Pick up times:

2.40pm – YR (Lime class), once they are in school full time and Y1 (Cherry class)

2.50pm – Y2 (Ash class) and Y3 (Willow class)

3.00pm – Year 4 (Chestnut Class), Y5 (Beech Class) and Y6 (Oak class)

If any Year 5 or Year 6 children are to be allowed to walk home alone at the end of the school day then please contact the office [admin@diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@diltonmarsh.wilts.sch.uk) so that we are aware.

In order to maintain Social Distancing and the smooth flow of families leaving the school site, we ask that you are prompt in collecting children and leave the school premises immediately.

In light of the drop off and collection arrangements detailed above, we ask that any parent wishing to speak with a member of staff contacts the school through email or by telephone.

**School Equipment** will be provided in individual small bags so that pens, pencils are not shared. Any equipment that is used by each group will be sterilised regularly. Please do not send your child in with anything except for their lunch, water bottle, daps/trainers and book bags. Your child does not need a Rucksack or any other equipment in school. Books will be exchanged by staff. In order to avoid contamination all books will be on a rota system so they are left for 72 hours before they are touched.

**Absence reporting** should continue as normal. If your child is absent for any reason, please contact the school by 10.00am to notify us. If we are expecting your child to attend school and they are absent with no reason given, we will telephone parents to establish the reason for absence.

If your child shows **any signs of sickness** we will contact you immediately to collect them. Whilst they wait they will be isolated from the rest of their group. We have requested information about hay fever and allergies so that we are aware if they are showing similar symptoms.

**Learning in School** will initially be planned around Personal, Social and Health Education. There will be lots of time to talk about events and re-adjust to life back in school. Physical Education will also be a priority. Once we feel the children are settled and ready to move to a more broad and balanced curriculum this will happen. Throughout the first few weeks the teachers will be assessing the children to discover gaps in learning before moving on to their new curriculum. This will be through quizzes and working with the children rather than through testing.

**Home Learning** will continue to be available for any child asked to self-isolate.

### Face Masks

We are not expecting any children to routinely wear face masks to school. If parents wish to send their child into school wearing one, then the staff will not be able to touch or adjust these for them. When they are not wearing them we will ask them to put them in their book bag.

**Breakfast Club** will not be running when we return to school. We will review this decision, alongside Government guidance, when we return to school.