



Getting back to school - Northchapel Primary School Plan

This has been a very strange and difficult time for everyone and we want to make the process of re-connecting with school as positive and safe for everyone as possible. We will focus on each individual child and their particular needs so things might look different for each child but their well-being and emotional health are the priority.

We will begin a phased return as from 1st June. This will be a gradual process to allow staff, children and parents time to adjust and begin to re-connect. We will be following Government and County policies and procedures to ensure we make school as safe a place as possible. There will always be some risk, as in every aspect of life, but we seek to identify risk factors and put procedures in place to minimise these.

We will begin with limited numbers and year groups, as suggested nationally, and with a reduced timetable which will be reviewed weekly. We will communicate with you as much as possible as plans develop and provision is extended.

Please note:

- There will be no Elm Club - before or after school.
- No face masks to be worn in school as other safety precautions are being taken
- Packed lunches are desired but hot dinners for eligible children when booked through the office can be provided.

Who should come back to school and when?

Week 1

Mon 1st June	Tue 2nd June	Wed 3rd June	Thu 4th June	Fri 5th June
Y6 children	Y6 children	Y6 children	Y6 children	No school
Keyworker children	Keyworker children	Y1 and Reception	Y1 and Reception	Deep clean and teacher planning time
Pre-school	Pre-school	Keyworker children Pre-school	Keyworker children Pre-school	

Week 2 - As above but Y1 and Reception attend Mon-Thur.

Action Required

If your child is in these year groups and you are planning for them to return from the week beginning 1st June, you must let the office know by email **by 3pm Friday 22nd May**.

Please Note

Children who are self-isolating or extremely clinically vulnerable should not attend. Everyone else is encouraged to attend but the decision is up to parents.

How do I drop off and pick up my child safely from school?

Staggered arrival times in the first two weeks

8.30am	8.35am	8.45am	9.00am
Children arriving on school bus and keyworker children	Preschool children and any siblings	YR and Y1	Y6

- Cars can pull up to the gate for meet and greet drop off.
- Walkers and cyclists: Please wait on the green to be directed, obeying social distancing guidance.
- Your child will be called across and taken into school.
- Only one parent to drop off and collect children.

Staggered departure times in the first two weeks

2.50pm	3.00pm	3.10pm	3.15pm
Y6 collection or walk home	YR and Y1 plus any siblings	Bus children and keyworkers	Pre-school without siblings

This is a provisional timetable and may be adapted as we develop a routine. We will endeavour to stick to times and request parents try to do the same.

What will the children who return to school be doing?

Children in school will follow a simplified curriculum based on similar learning objectives to those set online. There will be an emphasis on outdoor and independent learning focusing on emotional, social and physical well-being with a slow introduction of some routines, learning slots, use of online resources and stories.

How will the school keep my child safe?

- Social distancing will be encouraged and discussed regularly
- Children and adults will be grouped into “bubbles” who do not mix
- There will be regular cleaning of surfaces, door handles and communal areas during the day with a deep clean on Friday
- Children will have a tray/box of their own equipment and resources will not be shared with anyone else
- Playtimes will be staggered and playgrounds marked for use by particular groups
- There will be regular hand washing.
- If a child or adult in a bubble develops symptoms, the whole group will need to self-isolate at home. Further guidance will be given.

What will my child need to bring to school?

- Sensible and practical home clothes, suitable for outdoor learning and sport - children must be able to do up their own shoes.
- Packed lunch and clearly labelled water bottle
- Sun cream should be applied on your child at home and they should bring a sunhat
- No books will be sent home from school and children must not bring in items from home to school
- No additional rucksacks or bags should be brought into school, apart from a lunch box
- Younger children need to bring spare clothes in a pillow case in case of accidents.

What if I want to continue to keep my child at home?

- Online learning provision will continue via Class Dojo and will be monitored in school by a member of staff during the school day
- To protect staff well-being, staff will not be responding to Dojo out of school hours

How can I help prepare my child for coming back to school?

- Talk to your child about social distancing and why this is important
- Talk positively with your child about the benefits of returning to school and seeing their friends and teacher. Listen to their concerns and reassure them
- Social stories will be added to Class Dojo to support younger children and families

Can parents come onto the school site?

We wish to reduce the number of adults on site, so no parents will be allowed into school. If your child forgets something, please ring the school to make the necessary arrangements. Drop off and pick-ups will be from the main road gate - parents are asked to wait on the green

What happens if I change my mind and want my child to return to school in a few weeks' time?

Please contact the school office. We need 48 hours' notice prior to your child returning.