



1st March 2021

Dear parents/carers,

Re: Full reopening of Crown Lane Primary School to all pupils on Monday 8th March 2021

I hope that you are enjoying the milder weather and that your families are safe and well.

I am writing to you today with very good news! I am excited to confirm that we have been given to go ahead to return to school Monday 8th March. We will have to make sure that we follow all government guidance to keep our school and local community safe. With this in mind, we have been reviewing our existing Whole School Risk Assessment and once this has been finalised by our Senior Leadership Team tomorrow, this will be shared with you on our website.

Attendance will be *mandatory* from Monday 8th March for all pupils and Educational Welfare Officers will be checking on families where children are not attending school without a good reason.

In advance of the Risk Assessment being shared, I can tell you that we will operate the same protocols that we had in place before Christmas. Those measures were very helpful in limiting the spread of the infection in our school community. We will continue to need your help in order to make sure that those successes continue this term too.

Please keep in mind that if your child or anyone in your household develops Covid 19 symptoms, you must keep your child at home and make sure that the symptomatic person gets a PCR test. If the result is positive, you must then isolate your child for 10 days. If the result is negative, your child can return to school. If your child is at school and is experiencing Covid symptoms, we will let you know to collect them and take them to have a test. Other important things to remember are below.

The school start and finish times

Children will continue to start and finish their school day at staggered times, and year groups will use different gates. Unfortunately, parents and carers will not be allowed onto school site and will drop off and collect children from the gates. We are very lucky to be able to return to school next week and so we must all play our part in keeping the community safe. With this in mind can parents please continue to wear masks when bringing children to school and please line up outside the gates to keep a healthy social distance. We have put markings in the alleyway and on the pavement at the front of the school to help you with this. Please do not be offended if members of staff remind you of the need to keep social distance as they are only trying to keep our community safe.

Next Monday it will be exciting for you and your children to see other families who you have not met for some time. Due to the narrowness of the alleyway and the front gates being near to the main road, can I ask that you move away from the gates once your child is safely inside, so that other classes can line up and enter the school safely. Continuing to stand near the gates may cause congestion and become unsafe for passers-by.

Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs

Regretfully, Breakfast Club will not open until after the Easter holidays. The good news is that our After School provision run by Fit4Sport will reopen on Monday 8th March. Parents and carers should contact Fit4Sport directly for further details about bookings.

Routines during the school day

Children in all year groups can bring their book bags into school every day and this should include a bottle of water (with your child's name on it). I would ask that you do not allow your child to bring toys or any other unnecessary items into school. We cannot allow scooters and bikes onto school site at this time.

On the days that your child has PE please ensure that they come to school wearing their PE kit.

We will be asking teachers to keep their classroom windows remain open during the school day. This is to ensure that air circulates, as this can help to reduce the risk of Covid infection. Please make sure that your child is wearing their school jumper each day and if necessary this can be removed if they feel too warm.

At break and lunchtimes, once they have eaten, children will be outside and so please ensure that your child is dressed in weather appropriate clothing.

Your child's Wellbeing

From Monday 8th March until the Easter holidays, on top of the core subjects being taught in every class, the school will focus heavily on your child's physical, social and emotional wellbeing. This will help ease them out of lockdown and to become reacquainted with the daily ebb and flow of life at our school. Your child's teacher will be happy to discuss this with you.

Your Wellbeing

I hope that you have found our telephone calls over the last few months supportive. If for whatever reason you think that you might need support following lockdown, for example if you feel anxious or are experiencing difficulties please do not hesitate to let me know or make an appointment through the school office.

For many of us, lockdown was a time for us to reflect on our own individual circumstances while events at home and abroad made us more aware of the fragility of human life. As staff and families, we are very lucky to have each other to support each other when we need it most.

I would like to thank you for your patience with our staff over the past few months and for treating them with the dignity and respect that they deserve. I would like to reassure you that our staff will do everything that they can to help your child be successful.

We are all really looking forward to seeing you next week!

Gavin Farrell
Headteacher

School start and finish times

Year	Start time	Where?	End time	Where?
N	8.40am	Nursery gates	3.15pm	Nursery gates
R	8.50am	Gate into main playground from alleyway	3.05pm	Gate into main playground from alleyway
1	8.40am	Fire Gate near bus stop	2.55pm	Fire Gate near bus stop
2	8.40am	Gate into main playground from alleyway	2.55pm	Gate into main playground from alleyway
3	8.50am	Gate by office	3.05pm	Crimson: Fire gate near bus stop Scarlet: Gate by office
4	8.30am	Gate into main playground from alleyway	2.45pm	Gate into main playground from alleyway
5	8.40am	Gate by office	2.55pm	Gate by office
6	8.30am	Gate by office	2.45pm	Purple: Fire gate near bus stop Mauve: Gate by office

Lunchtime Timetable from March 8th 2021

Time	Dinner Hall		Arena	Playground
11.30-11.55	N, R and Y6		Y4	
11.55-12.25	Y1 and Y4	Y6	R-Green	R-Emerald
12.25-12.55	Y2 and Y3	Y5	Y1- Blue	Y1- Sapphire
12.55-1.25	Y5	Y3	Y2- Royal	Y2- Turquoise

Please note that the dining hall is arranged to ensure that social distancing is in place for all class or Year group 'Bubbles' to avoid unnecessary contact with others.

