



Information for parents regarding the wider reopening of Coxhoe Primary School



Should your child be attending school?

Children who are considered extremely clinically vulnerable and shielding should continue to shield and **SHOULD NOT** attend school.

Clinically vulnerable (but not clinically extremely vulnerable) children are those considered to be at a higher risk of severe illness from coronavirus (COVID-19). If your child falls into this category, parents should follow medical advice.

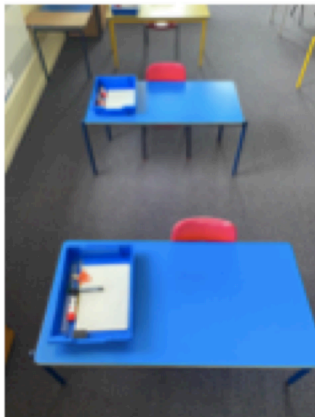
Children who live in a household with someone who is **extremely clinically vulnerable and shielding** **SHOULD NOT** attend school.

Children who live with someone who is clinically vulnerable (but not extremely clinically vulnerable) as defined in the **social distancing guidance** and including those who are pregnant can attend.

If you wish for your child to have a place at school (in any group), you **MUST GIVE 7 DAYS NOTICE** by phoning the school office (open 8am-4pm daily) – this will ensure that our group sizes and staffing ratios are correct. Failure to follow this may result in your child not being given a place.

Please note that school will be CLOSED EVERY FRIDAY to all groups EXCEPT for vulnerable children and key worker children to enable deep cleaning.

What your new classroom may look like



Recognising Symptoms

If you or a member of your household experiences any COVID 19 symptoms at any time, your child should not attend school

The most important symptoms of COVID 19 are the recent onset of any of the following:

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A loss of, or change in your normal sense of taste or smell

If you experience any of these symptoms, please follow government advice:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance>

Entry/Exit Points

- **YR and Y1** – these children will enter and exit the school at the Y1/Reception doors beside the car park entrance.
- **Y6** – these children will enter and exit the school at the normal 'Parsons Walk' entrance and then enter via the top door on yard (where Y6 would normally exit from after school).
- **Key worker children** – these children will enter and exit the school at the normal 'Parsons Walk' entrance.

Uniform

- Children do not need to attend school in uniform.
- They should attend school in clothes, which are comfortable and easily cleaned.
- These should be **CLEAN EVERYDAY**.

Dropping your children off and collecting them from school

- We ask that **ALL** children (including Y6) are dropped off and picked up by **ONE** member of their own household to ensure that government guidelines with regards to social distancing are adhered to (**please contact a member of SLT in advance to discuss alternative arrangements if this is not possible**).
- Children should **ONLY** be dropped off/picked up at their allocated entrance/exit and their designated time slot.

Times of entry/exit

Times will be staggered to ensure minimal contact

Times as follows:

YR: Red Pod - 09:15 – 14:00

Green Pod - 09:30 – 14:15

Y1: Yellow Pod - 08:45 – 14:30

Blue Pod - 09:00 – 14:45

Y6: Orange Pod - 08:45 – 14:30

Purple Pod - 09:00 – 14:45

You will be notified in advance regarding which pod your child is in.

Key workers children – 08:30 – 15:30

Please attend at the times given to ensure a minimal amount of social mixing.

Social distancing at drop off/collection times

Parents/carers are asked to ensure that they adhere to social distancing rules – staying 2 metres apart when dropping children off/collecting their children.

'Pods'

- Each child will be allocated to a pod of between 6-8 children (**this will be with children in their year group but not necessarily their usual group of friends**)
- Each pod will have a teacher and a TA (**this may not be the teacher or TA that your child usually works with**)
- Each pod will be allocated a classroom to work in (**which may not be their usual classroom**) and a toilet block
- Children within each pod will only be allowed to go to the toilet one at a time and hand washing procedures must be strictly adhered to at all times
- Children will remain with their pod whilst they are at school and they will not mix with any other pod/children
- Children within pods will not share equipment – they will be allocated their own equipment to use whilst they are at school (please see separate guidance for Reception)

Learning in School

- Children will continue to complete the online learning activities from the home learning grid prepared by their teacher
- When children need to change reading books, they will be supported with this by one of the adults working in their classroom (in order to reduce the risk of infection)

Break times

- Each pod of children will have staggered playtimes and lunchtimes to ensure minimal contact between groups
- Children will spend break times with their pod only.
- Children will be allocated their own equipment to play with during break times.
- School will provide children with a fruit snack

Lunch times/Eating dinner

- Children will spend lunchtimes with their pod only and eat their lunch in their designated classroom
- **Children will eat a packed lunch provided by the school (parents should pay for this via parent pay). CHILDREN ARE NOT TO BRING THEIR OWN PACKED LUNCH.**
- If your child has specific dietary requirements, please contact the school office.

Moving around school

- Children will move around school with their pod and adults allocated to their pod only
- Pods will move around school following the instructions of their teacher and at times given by their teacher only
- A one-way system will be implemented in communal areas to stop children from different pods mixing

Communication

All communication between school/teachers and parents should continue to be via telephone or the school/shared email boxes.

Social distancing whilst children are not at school

Children and other members of their household should continue to follow social distancing rules whilst outside of the school environment. This will ensure that the infection risk to all children and adults in school is minimised. If these rules are not adhered to, school reserves the right to withdraw your child's place.

Reducing the risk of infection

- Children will be asked to wash their hands following government guidance at regular intervals throughout the day.
- Children may have their temperature taken as they enter school and if they appear unwell to ensure that they do not have a high temperature/fever
- Children should wash their hands before they leave their house on a morning and when they return home from school at the end of day.
- Children should wear clean clothes **EVERY DAY** and **SHOULD NOT** re-wear clothes, which have not been washed.
- Children should ensure that when they return home from school each day they have a bath/shower to reduce the risk of infection.

Track and Trace

Two possible scenarios:

- **Your child presents symptoms:**
Your child will be isolated in a separate room away from the pod and you will be contacted to collect them immediately. Your child must remain off school for 14 days. Your child, and all other members of your household, must apply for a COVID 19 test via <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19> and self isolate. Your child can return to school once we have proof of a negative test result.
- **Your child has come into contact with someone who has presented symptoms:**
Parents/carers will be notified immediately. Your child, along with the rest of the pod, must remain off school for 14 days. Your child may return to school if the person displaying symptoms can prove that they tested negative for COVID 19.

Bringing items from home

- Children should bring a water bottle with their name clearly labelled on it and this will remain on their allocated desk at school
- No toys should be brought into school from home
- As the weather can be hot at this time of year, we ask that parents provide a sunhat and suntan lotion for their child that can be left in school until the end of this term.
- To reduce the risk of infection, we ask that your child brings a hoodie to school with them and this will remain in school until the end of term (outdoor coats should be left with parents at drop off)
- Your child will be provided with equipment at school such as pens/pencils. They should not bring any of their own equipment from home.
- Book bags and reading books should be brought to school on the first day of attendance and left there until the end of the term (excluding those key worker children currently attending school).

School Rules

- An annex has been added to the school behaviour policy and our school rules have been updated to ensure that high standards of behaviour can be maintained and the risk of infection to both children and staff can be reduced.
- Please see school website (policies section)
- The new updated rules will be explained to the children at regular intervals throughout each school day. This will keep the reasons for the rules, and keeping of rules fresh in the children's minds.
- As always, we encourage all staff to give praise as opportunities arise throughout the school day when they observe good or improved behaviour. We will continue to endeavour to share this information with parents whenever possible.
- In some situations, however sanctions may have to be applied when rules are not being followed, thus affecting the welfare or safety of other children and staff.



Coxhoe Primary School



Information for RECEPTION PARENTS ONLY regarding the wider reopening of school

Guidance for the return of Reception children DIFFERS slightly to guidance for the rest of the children returning to school.

Although we will have strict rules and procedures in place, Reception children are NOT expected to socially distance between themselves and their peers. They are however expected to socially distance between themselves and the teaching staff in their small group. As a school, we are expected to allocate children to a 'pod' or 'bubble', which will include another 5-7 children. Within this pod, children are able to share a limited amount of resources that will be cleaned more regularly throughout the day. Different pods will not mix at any point throughout the school day.

Please see current Government guidance around protective measures for Reception children returning to school:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>

Our classrooms will look a little different

Unfortunately, classes 1 and 2 will not look the same as they did before we went home to stay safe with our families. Many protective measures and procedures have been put in place to make our environment as safe as possible. This however does not mean that we can guarantee the safety of your child.

Each child will be given their own workspace which will not be shared with any other child. It will include their own resources. We will have some other, small areas of provision for the children to access, which will include plastic items that can be easily cleaned at regular points throughout the day. The children will not have access to their usual areas of provision and resources. Our new environment will also be where the children eat their lunch – they will not access any other area of school except for our toilets and outdoor space.

Our learning will look a little different

Under normal circumstances, we adopt a play-based learning approach in our Early Years setting. Due to the current situation, learning will look very different and will have a more formal approach with children spending a slightly longer period of time participating in adult-led activities.

Children will complete their home learning activities whilst in school and will be supported from a distance by the members of staff in their assigned pod. They will have some time to play in their limited areas of provision as well as in their outdoor space. Our large play equipment will not be used during this time.