



CHILTON FOLIAT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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March 8th 2021 – Full School Reopening Letter to Parents and Carers.

I am delighted to confirm that we are fully reopening to all children on Monday 8th March 2021. The whole school team is genuinely pleased and excited, following the Government's recent announcement, that our children will be returning to their classrooms; be back with their friends and their teachers and getting back into the rhythm of the school year.

I am also delighted to inform you that our Chilton Childcare Club wrap-around care, both breakfast and after-school club, will start running again from Monday 8th March. A more detailed letter will be sent out next week regarding this but in the meantime please email chiltonclubchildcare@gmail.com to confirm your bookings from Monday 8th March.

During the first few weeks we will focus on the same SWAN principles for returning to school which were employed at the beginning of our academic year in September 2020. We want our children to be **Safe**, **Welcomed**, feel happy to be back **All** together and **Nurtured**. Until guidance changes, will also continue with our blended learning approach so that we can retain the capacity to offer remote education (in the event of a COVID related absence) should it be needed for a group, an individual or for the whole school.

We will be deploying teaching and learning strategies to ensure a smooth transition back to learning in school and assessment to find out where the children are in relation to progress made by December 2020. A further and more detailed note will be sent out next week, outlining our assessment and reporting plan for the rest of the academic year.

Government expectations are for usual rules and duties around attendance, including mandatory attendance.

Whilst all Government measures confirm that COVID infection rates have fallen across all ages and the public health picture is improving, we must continue to take steps to reduce and mitigate COVID related health risks as we return to school. With this in mind, please read through the following procedures very carefully. Some you will have seen before but others are new. It is imperative all families follow these procedures implicitly so that we can minimise the risk of further class bubble or whole school closure as a result of a confirmed COVID case. These procedures have been reflected in our COVID Risk Assessment and uploaded to the school website.

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- 1) If your child is ill, they must stay at home.
- 2) If your child has **any** of the following 3 symptoms (a new, continuous cough, a high temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius or above or a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell), they must stay at home. You must follow the guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 and immediately arrange to have a test for COVID-19.
- 3) If your child is off school for a COVID related reason (a. they have tested positive for COVID or b. they have been told to isolate) they will have work set for them by their class teacher. However, children who are absent from school due to a non-COVID related situation, will not be set work for them to complete at home.
- 4) If your child is having a COVID test you must let the office know straight away.
- 5) You must let the office know straight away if your child is isolating because someone in their household is having a COVID test.
- 6) No parents or visitors are able to enter the school building without a prior appointment (made through the school office). This includes dropping things off at the office to be taken to your child.
- 7) You must wear a face covering at all times when dropping off or collecting your child and at any point when you are within the school grounds.
- 8) Teachers and school staff will now also wear face coverings when moving around the school or when a 2m distance cannot be maintained.
- 9) All school staff are now taking part in twice weekly Lateral Flow Device tests for COVID-19, to further reduce any risk of transmission.
- 10) Only one parent drops off and collects their child and all children **must** remain standing with their parent at all times.
- 11) Government guidance is very clear on this point; parents and carers must leave the school grounds **immediately** after dropping off or collecting their child and must not congregate or stop to chat in the playground or outside the school.
- 12) We have made changes to the drop off and collection times of our classes. This is to help ensure the safety of our pupils, families and staff by reducing the time that families will need to wait within the school grounds.
- 13) A new separated one-way system for Sika and Muntjac class drop off and collections will be clearly marked by the top car park gates. Please ensure that you remain within your class areas at drop off and collection times.
- 14) You must stay 2 metres apart from other families, friends or staff.
- 15) If you need to ask a question or have a conversation with any member of school staff, please phone or email the school office. Arrangements will be made for the member of staff to call you back as soon as possible.
- 16) Please ensure that you arrive on time to drop off and collect your child, as we are now unable to take children into the school office to be looked after.

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Amended Class Drop off and Collection times:

Class	Drop Off Time	Entrance / Exit Point	Class	Collection Time	Entrance / Exit Point	Further Information
Roe	8.50am	Green Gate	Roe	3.10pm	Green Gate	Please wear a face covering and stand at least 2m from the gate at all times.
Fallow	8.50am	Bottom Double Gate	Fallow	3.10pm	Bottom Double Gate	
Muntjac	8.45am	Top Car Park Gate	Muntjac	3.15pm	Top Car Park Gate	
Sika	8.45am	Top Car Park Gate	Sika	3.15pm	Top Car Park Gate	

We as a school can only remain open (either as a whole school or as individual classes) because we have adopted and are strictly following, stringent and rigorous protective measures. Our staff and children are doing **everything** we can in school to keep safe and remain open. However, we need your help too, which I am confident that we can rely on.

Many thanks for your continued support and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 8th March.

Kind regards,

Katie Turner

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