



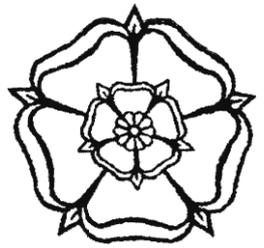
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September Opening Details

We are looking forward to welcoming all pupils back, full time in September and we are pleased to share with you the following details of how school will function on your child's return. Please do take time to read the document carefully and it will be useful to keep it to one side, ready to refresh yourself and your child before the return.

At this point in time we are not expecting any major changes to the guidance already outlined by the government but we need to be aware that a large number of our pupils live in Pendle and they are under increased restrictions. However, we do not anticipate that this will impact on re-opening or any child not being able to attend school.

The school office email and Headteacher emails are checked regularly so please use these if you have any enquiries however please be aware that a response may take a few days.

Transition

The children will all start in their new classes on 8th September. Pupils in EYFS will start full-time on the first day but we are aware that some children have not attended a formal setting for quite some time so if you feel that your child would benefit from a staggered start then please let us know. We anticipate that all children will be very tired in the first few weeks but all our children know the staff well so they should settle easily into their new classrooms. Please note that class 2 (Y1/2) are now based in the hall and class 3 are now based in the portacabin.

Staggered School Times

Class	Exit/entry point	Start	Break	Lunch start	Finish
4 Y5/6	Front gate. Walk into class alone using front portacabin entrance	8.50am	10.30am and 2.15pm	12pm eat in class, then outside at 12.25pm	3.30pm
3 Y3/4	Front gate. Walk into class alone using front portacabin entrance	8.45am	10.15am and 2pm	12pm eat in class, then outside at 12.25pm	3.25pm
2 Y1/2 Now based in hall	Front gate. Walk into class alone using school main entrance.	8.55am	10.15am And 2.15pm	11.30am in class and outside at 11.55am	3.20pm
1 N/R	Rear class 1 entrance. Parents can accompany their children to the back gate but cannot enter school.	9am	As required within EYFS provision	11.30am in class	3.15pm

For breakfast club classes will open from **8.30am** and you can send your child into their class from that time onwards. The charge will be £1 per session. There will be no breakfast served so please make sure that your child eats before you bring them in. DO NOT send your child in before 8.30am and please do not stand on the playground or road prior to that time. If you do so, we will ask you to leave.

After school club will run in two small groups from 3.30pm until 5.15pm. This must be booked in advance and it will be filled on a first come first served basis. Snack will be made by the kitchen. The cost is £8.

It is very important that you adhere to the times given as this will make sure bubbles do not mix. If you have siblings in different classes then use the earliest drop off time and latest pick up time for all of them.

If you are late bringing or collecting your child then this causes significant difficulties. In June/July there were still instances of this happening – please make sure you are on time BUT NOT EARLY. Now we are so full, we cannot allow anyone to linger on site waiting.

For collection at the end of the day (at the correct time only) parents may enter the school site and stand on the playground on designated green spaces. Your child will be sent to you. Once you have collected your child please leave the site immediately and do not spend time on the playground or lane. We must keep the whole area clear as much as possible.

Please continue to use the phone and email for communication with school.

Bubbles

Children will now be in class Bubbles. There will be no mixing of classes in September. This means that lunch and break times will still need to be carefully managed and staggered. There will be no whole school acts of Worship together.

Within the class Bubbles, there will no longer be the requirement for strict social distancing between children and they will be allowed to sit and play together. Hygiene guidance will still be strictly followed.

It is advised that all desks should be faced forward. Whilst the guidance suggests that most children should be seated at forward facing desks, sat side by side, with distancing, exceptions exist to allow a different approach for Early Years and Reception.

Staff will need to keep to social distancing guidance when possible, and will still be asked to limit close contact with the children. This is particularly important for PPA sessions where staff may teach different bubbles.

There are **three key protective measures** that schools must take. Where one measure cannot be adhered to strictly, then one or both other measures should. These measures are:

1. Bubbles – keep groups of children separate/not mixing
2. Hygiene – extra hand washing, cleaning, sanitizers, catch it-kill it-bin it
3. Distancing – 1m+ wherever possible. Staggered starts/end of day and break times.

Online Learning – Plan B

If there is another National or more likely, a local Lockdown, then school will revert to providing online learning through **email and Microsoft teams (Y3 upwards)**. **We will be using ICT lessons to help children become familiar with teams as a platform.** Younger children will have at home tasks provided for them and daily contact with their teacher.

If a Class Bubble has to isolate then these children will revert back to learning online/at home.

Curriculum Offer

The school will be continuing with its full curriculum where possible but this may need to be adapted, particularly in the autumn term, to ensure priority is given to the core subjects to support any catch up required by pupils. Music and French teaching has been moved to Summer 2021 as we are not allowed to sing at the moment or use wind instruments. PE will only be taught outside. You should send your child to school in their PE kit on the days they have PE (teachers will communicate which days in the first week of term).

Interventions will be provided where needed for individual and groups of pupils.

We are currently recruiting for teaching assistant for class 2 and hope to have someone in post by October.

Class Teachers will send home the class long term plan in September so you can be aware of what your child will learn this year.

There is little evidence as yet of the impact on mental health due to the coronavirus - the missed time from work, education and loved ones. So at Thornton-in-Craven CP school we will continue to allow space within our school week to explore any concerns and give necessary support. After all, without emotional well-being pupils are unable to work to the best of their academic ability.

Pupil Requirements

Uniform

Children are expected to wear normal school uniform unless it is a day they have PE. Black school shoes must be worn. **Please send in a spare pair of trainers to keep on their pegs.**

Although we no longer need to request that the children wear clean uniform each day, we do advise that personal hygiene be strictly monitored to prevent cross contamination.

PE

Children in Y1 upwards, will be asked to come in to school in their PE kits, on their PE days. Further information will be provided by your child's class teacher. PE will always be outside so we recommend hoodies and joggers and once the weather is colder.

Equipment

Children must limit what they bring to school. No toys will be permitted. A coat and book bag containing reading book and/or homework are the only items that should come back and forth from school.

Lunchboxes made of washable fabric or plastic are also advised.

Behaviour

Our behaviour policy is still applicable. However, there will be two important alterations specific to the Covid-19 response and the need for social distancing:

1. Children who purposefully break the Covid-19 rules will be given one warning but then may face a fixed term exclusion if it continues. This includes purposefully making contact with other children.
2. Children coughing repeatedly will be sent home even if we believe this cough is purposeful. It still spreads germs so they will be not allowed in school even if the cough is on purpose.

Attendance

DFE guidance states:

School attendance will be mandatory again from the beginning of the autumn term. This means from that point, the usual rules on school attendance will apply:

- parents' duty to secure that their child attends regularly at school where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age;
- schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence
- the availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct

Where a pupil is unable to attend school because they are complying with clinical and/or public health advice, schools are expected to immediately offer them access to remote education. Schools should monitor engagement with this activity.

Where a pupil is unable to attend school because parents are following clinical and/or public health advice, absence will not be penalised.

All other pupils must attend school.

First Aid

Please do not send a child to school with any symptom of Covid-19. This can be anything from mild cold symptoms, to upset tummy and a rash or indeed the most prevalent symptoms of persistent dry cough and high temperature. **YOU MUST NOT MEDICATE TO SUPPRESS A FEVER IN ORDER TO SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL.** If your child has any other illness please adhere strictly to the recommended absence rules e.g. **DO NOT** send your child back after suffering from sickness or diarrhea until they are 48 hours clear. If staff become ill with any illness then the whole class may have to close as covering the class may be difficult.

In the event of your child becoming unwell at school, they will be taken to the main building and will wait there until they can be collected. They will need collecting as quickly as possible. If a child is displaying Covid symptoms then the supervising adult is required to wear a disposable apron, gloves and facemask.

If a child cuts themselves or has an injury, we will administer first aid but taking the additional precautions of:

- Adults will need to wear an apron and mask as well as disposable gloves, if a wound needs attending to for a prolonged period of time e.g. nose bleed.
- For bumps, a disposable ice pack will be given.

We will now be logging first aid incidents on our information management system. If a child has a bumped head we will send a text not a letter. Please do not be alarmed if you receive one of these texts – they will be standard protocol and if we have significant concerns we will phone you.

Covid -19 Symptoms

Suspected case

If a pupil or adult is ill and they display symptoms similar to Covid-19,

Schools must:

- wear PPE when dealing with the pupil/staff
- isolate the pupil/staff to a dedicated space (Headteachers office)
- contact home for staff/ pupil to be collected. Staff and pupils must not come into the school if they have symptoms, and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school
- parent/ individual – book a test: online via NHS testing system or Call NHS 119
- Whole household isolates while waiting for the test results.
- all children can be tested, including children under 5, but children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their parents/carers if using a home testing kit

Test returns as negative:

- inform the school immediately.
- Household can stop isolating.
- if the test is negative and if pupil/staff member feels well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19) then they can stop self- isolating and return to school.
- they could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu – in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better.

Test returns as positive:

- inform school immediately
- individual must isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms
- Household must isolate for 14 days.

They can return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks after the infection has gone.

The 10 day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal.

Their household should self-isolate for the full 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms, following 'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection'

Any positive result will be shared with the child/adults Bubble who will all be asked to self-isolate and seek testing. The Bubble will only return to school once the period of 14 days self-isolation (from the last date they were in contact with the infected person) has ended, or a negative test result has been given.

Links to Government Guidance

Title of Guidance	Link
School attendance: guidance for schools	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-attendance
Guidance for full opening: schools	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools
Government launches NHS Test and Trace service	https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-launches-nhs-test-and-trace-service
COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance
What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak
Supporting your children's education during coronavirus (COVID-19)	https://www.gov.uk/guidance/supporting-your-childrens-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19
Guidance for parents and carers on supporting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak
Staying alert and safe (social distancing)	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing
COVID-19: guidance on shielding and protecting people defined on medical grounds as extremely vulnerable	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19
Coronavirus outbreak FAQs: what you can and can't do	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do