

# Nelson St Philip's C of E Primary School

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## COVID-19 UPDATE 25th February 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I hope you are staying safe and well.

All the staff here at St Philip's are very much looking forward to welcoming all children back into school and working alongside our families once again on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**.

The return to school should run very smoothly, as we will revert back to the routines and procedures that were put into place in the autumn term, when children returned after the summer holidays - a reminder of these are listed below:

### Coming back in March

- School attendance will be compulsory again from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March for all children, full-time. School will record children's attendance and follow up any absences. If needed, sanctions will be issued, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct. I hope that you will now know of the many safety measures we have put in place in order to protect everyone from coronavirus but, if you have worries or concerns, please get in touch so that we can explain all that we are doing and reassure you.
- We advise parents/carers and children to travel to school by walking or by bike. If public transport has to be used, social distancing rules will apply and a face covering will need to be worn when on public transport - please refer to [safer travel guidance for passengers](#), which includes guidance on how to wear a face covering.
- On the way to school all individuals must practise social distancing.
- Times for pupils arriving at school continue to be staggered so that social distancing can continue - **it is vital that children are not late and arrive on time at the specified times below**.
- Only one parent/carer will be able to drop their child/ren off. Parents/carers must not bring other siblings with them to school. Parents/carers to drop off siblings at the earliest time and collect siblings at the latest time - see the times below.

### Drop off and collection times

Wycoller (Year 6) - Drop off 8.50am / Collected at 3.30pm

Marsden (Year 3/Year 4) - Drop off 8.55am / Collected at 3.15pm

Towneley (Year 4/Year 5) - Drop off 9.00am / Collected at 3.20pm

Pendle (Reception/Year 1) - Drop off 9.05am / Collected at 3.10pm

Barley (Year 1/Year 2) - Drop off 9.10am / Collected at 3.25pm

- Please line up on the pavement outside the school gate, using the markings provided so that you remain 2 metres away from other parents/children. Please continue to wear a facemask unless you are medically exempt from wearing one. The gate will open and one at a time, the children will enter the school grounds, keeping 2 metres apart from each other.
- If your child wears a facemask to school, they should not touch the front of their face covering during use or when removing them on arrival at school. All face coverings **must** be removed on entry to school.

- Reusable face coverings must be placed in a plastic bag that your child has brought with them and will be kept in their school bag to be taken home.
- Children removing face coverings will be required to wash or sanitise their hands immediately after removing it.
- A covered bin is in place for non-reusable face coverings on arrival at the school grounds.
- Children will still be kept in 'class bubbles' - bubbles incorporating their class and the staff who teach them.
- Parents must continue to tell us the outcome of a coronavirus test (please read - [arrange a test](#) for more information.) If there is ever a confirmed case, all the 'bubble' (children and staff) must self-isolate for 10 days. If there is a confirmed case within a household, everyone in the household must self-isolate for 10 days. The person with COVID-19 needs to follow the following advice:
  - Your isolation period starts immediately from when your symptoms started, or, if you do not have any symptoms, from when your test was taken. Your isolation period includes the day your symptoms started (or the day your test was taken if you do not have symptoms), and the next 10 full days. This means that if, for example, your symptoms started at any time on the 15th of the month (or if you did not have symptoms but your first positive COVID-19 test was taken on the 15th), your isolation period ends at 23:59 hrs on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Please read the information using the following links - [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#), and [guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection](#) for more information.

- When children return in March, they must wear school uniform with the usual rules regarding jewellery, no extreme hairstyles and black school shoes (no boots).
- There will be lots of PE outdoors. Therefore, for the foreseeable future, we will continue to allow wearing track suit bottoms and blue sweatshirts/ hoodies with the school logo on if possible, for outdoor PE, as well as the normal PE kit in case it is cold outdoors. Your child will be able to come to school in their PE kit on the day that they will be having PE in school. They will be allowed to wear their PE kit all day. Please see below for the day your child will be having PE in school.

### **PE days**

Monday - Wycoller (Year 6)

Tuesday - Pendle (Reception/Year 1)

Wednesday - Barley (Year 1/Year 2)

Thursday - Marsden (Year 3/Year 4)

Friday - Towneley (Year 4/Year 5)

- To keep 'bubbles' together in the same room, dinners will continue to be eaten in the classroom in March. Children can bring a packed lunch to school.
- If your child requires a school dinner, there will be two options - a packed lunch or a hot baked potato with a variety of fillings to choose from. On Fridays, the children will have the option of a fish finger wrap.

### **Cost of a school dinner**

- No cost for children who are eligible for free school meals. Universal free school meals are provided for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

- £2.20 per day per child (£11 for the week) for children who are not eligible for free school meals.

Please put your child's dinner money in an envelope with their name on and where possible pay the exact amount.

- We still will have measures in place to minimise children touching/ sharing resources. Reading books however will continue to go back and forth from home in your child's book bag. The books will be cleaned once they are returned to school. Your child can still bring a water bottle to school in March - please make sure it is clearly labelled with your child's name, so that the bottles are not mixed up.
- Children are only allowed to bring essentials into school each day including: a book bag or a small school bag, a lunch box, a hat, a coat and school books. Children must not bring any other items from home into school, for example stationery, pencil cases etc.

- All staff have been provided with PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) and may choose or need to wear the equipment at any time of the day. (Perspex face mask; disposable facemask; disposable gloves; disposable apron).
- If your child shows any of the symptoms that might be due to coronavirus, you will receive a phone call from the office and you will need to collect your child immediately from school. Please inform the school office if any of your emergency contact numbers have changed since the commencement of the school closure.

**Please follow the standard national advice on the kind of symptoms to look out for that might be due to coronavirus - please follow this link - [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms](#)**

Remember - if anyone in your household develops these symptoms - a fever, or a new continuous cough, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), you are advised to follow the COVID-19 guidance - [guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection](#).

This states that the ill person should remain in isolation for 10 days and the rest of the household in isolation for 10 days.

*If you need to report a positive COVID test result for a pupil in school, out of school hours (evening/weekends) please e-mail [COVID19@st-philips.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:COVID19@st-philips.lancs.sch.uk)*

*During school hours, please continue to contact the school office which is open from 8.30am to 3.30pm.*

Thank you for your cooperation and support once again, in helping us to try to minimise the spread of COVID-19.

Take care, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you again on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

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