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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have all had a lovely summer and managed to take advantage of some lockdown restrictions being lifted. During the summer holiday, lots of building work has taken place to the roof and ceilings in school. The work has now been completed and our caretaker, Ms Pickard, has done a brilliant job of making the building spotless and shiny. Staff have been busy organising classrooms and planning the curriculum ready for the return of our children next week. We can't wait to see them!

In July, I sent a letter outlining the procedures put in place for the full reopening of school in September, based on the guidance issued by the government and risk assessments provided by the North Yorkshire Health and Safety Team. The information below is largely a repeat of the letter sent in July. One or two of these procedures have changed from the original letter and these have been highlighted in yellow.

If you would like to read the full government guidance on the reopening of schools in September, please use the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

Class 'Bubbles'

In order to reduce the number of social contacts, children will remain in consistent class groups as much as possible for lessons and playtimes. This will help to reduce the risk of transmitting infection and make it easier to track the spread of infection should an outbreak occur. Children will use the sinks and toilets in their own classroom. They will enter and exit the building using the external door in their classroom. Classrooms will be well ventilated with doors and windows open as much as possible. Each bubble will have its own designated play space at playtimes.

The bubbles are as follows:

1. Cherry Class
2. Rowan Class
3. Sycamore and Silver Birch Class (this takes account of single year group English and Maths lessons in the mornings when Year 4 children from both classes will be taught together in the hall.)
4. Oak Class



Start and End of the Day

Each classroom will have a specified entrance for drop off and pick up and a teacher will be on duty at each gate to direct you. Parents and carers of children using Sycamore, Silver birch and Oak classrooms will be asked to leave their children at the gate and not enter the playground to reduce the number of adults on site. We also ask that only one parent/carer drops off or picks up their child from school. It is important that all adults stay two metres away from children and adults who are not in their household.

Classroom	Entrance/Exit
Cherry Class	Please use the main entrance gate to enter the school grounds. Please take your child to the gate for Cherry Class. The teacher will be there to receive your child.
Rowan Class	Please use the side gate by the rag bin. Please take your child to Rowan Class door. The teacher will be there to receive your child.
Sycamore Class	Please use the side gate by the rag bin. Please remain at the gate as your child walks to Sycamore Class door.
Silver Birch Class	Please use the main entrance gate to enter the school grounds. Please remain at the gate as your child walks to Silver Birch Class door.
Oak Class	Please use the main entrance gate to enter the school grounds. Please remain at the gate as your child walks to Oak Class door.

Staggered Start and Finish Times

Please help us to reduce the risk of crowds forming on the playground by using the staggered start and finish times listed below. Adults should not come into the classroom, congregate on the playground or outside the school gates, and must continue to observe social distancing guidelines. It is important that all children are settled and ready to start lessons promptly.

Class	Start Time (drop off)	Finish Time (pick up)
Cherry Class	Children with siblings: 8.50am Children without siblings: 8.55am	Children with siblings: 3.25pm Children without siblings: 3.20pm
Rowan Class	Children with siblings: 8.50am Children without siblings: 8.55am	Children with siblings: 3.25pm Children without siblings: 3.20pm
Sycamore Class	All children: 8.50am	All children: 3.30pm
Silver Birch Class	All children: 8.50am	All children: 3.30pm
Oak Class	All children: 8.50am	All children 3.30pm

Drop Off Arrangements

If your child is in Cherry Class or Rowan Class, **one** parent/carer may enter the playground. In order to prevent crowding, please can all children in Sycamore Class, Silver Birch Class and Oak Class be left at the gate and parents/carers remain outside the playground. **If your child is in Sycamore, Silver Birch or Oak Class and is new to our school, one parent/carer is welcome to enter the playground and accompany their child to their classroom door.**



Pick Up Arrangements

At the end of the day, one parent / carer may wait on the playground at the appropriate gate to pick up their child, whichever class they are in. Please use the markings to ensure social distancing. Your child's class teacher will bring the class to the appropriate gate and hand over your child. Please leave the playground straight away to avoid crowding.

Year 5 and Year 6

Children in Year 5 and Year 6 may walk home by themselves if school receives written permission from their parent/carer. Please email your permission to the school office.

Hygiene

The best way of preventing the spread of infection in school is by ensuring that there is regular handwashing. Please ensure that your child washes their hands before they leave for school each morning and on their return from school in the afternoon. Hand-washing will take place on arrival at school, before and after each playtime, after using the toilet, PE sessions, lunchtimes, and before and after any lessons which take place outside. Children will be asked to bring their own clearly labelled water bottles and the drinking fountains will not be in use.

In addition to regular handwashing, there will be regular cleaning of surfaces including furniture, door handles, light switches and any equipment which is handled by children such as counters, cubes, i-pads and laptops.

Social Distancing

There will be no requirement for children to practise social distancing with other children in their 'bubble', although where possible, they will remain 2 metres away from adults. For children in Year 2 to Year 6, the lay-out of the classrooms has changed and children will sit in rows facing the front.

Resources and Equipment

Children will be able to share resources and equipment with other children in their bubble. There will be regular cleaning of resources and equipment will be cleaned throughout the day.

Curriculum

At the start of term, Maths and English will be taught as usual each morning. For the first two weeks, all children in Years 1-6 will follow a programme called Getting Along Together which teaches strategies to develop focus, memory and self-control, as well as building empathy and friendship skills. We feel that this will give our children the best possible way of adjusting to school after such a long absence. From week 3, the full range of curriculum subjects will be taught. The skills taught in the Getting Along Together programme will be reinforced throughout the year in weekly circle time sessions. Staff will assess children at the beginning of term and additional 'catch up' maths and English sessions will take place as required. Plans have been made to catch up on other areas of the curriculum which were missed due to school closure.



Playtimes

At playtimes, children will play with other children in their 'bubbles' and will not mix with other bubbles. Each bubble will have its own playtime equipment which will be cleaned after each session and a designated space to play in outside. There will be no social distancing within bubbles.

School Meals

The school kitchen will be fully re-opened and Mrs Woodward and Mrs Briggs will be providing hot school meals from the start of term. Children (with the exception of Cherry Class) will eat school meals in the classroom rather than the dining hall to avoid contact with children from other bubbles. Cherry Class will eat at dining tables in the hall.

Milk and Fruit

We are expecting Coolmilk for all children and the free fruit scheme for EYFS and Key Stage 1 children to resume in September. Children in Key Stage 2 may bring a fruit based snack or cereal bar from home. Please ensure that cereal bars do not contain nuts as we have children with severe nut allergies in school.

School Uniform

Children are expected to return to school in school uniform with black shoes (not trainers) from September. Please see the web-site for details of uniform. Long hair must be tied back. Children will not be asked to wear masks as it is likely to encourage them to touch their faces and cause a greater risk of infection. If this advice changes, we will let you know. **In response to requests from parents, our uniform will now include the choice of a red polo shirt as well as a white polo shirt. Red polo shirts are not yet available with the school logo, but plain red polo shirts are available from many supermarkets.**

PE Kit

From September, all PE lessons will take place outside until at least half term. Rather than changing for PE in school, children will wear their PE kit to school on PE days, rather than their school uniform. PE kit will be as follows: red 'Cononley' t-shirt, plain black shorts, plain black outdoor trainers (no coloured logos or stripes) plain black jogging bottoms (not leggings) and a red hooded top or red school jumper.

Wearing PE kit for school on PE days helps to reduce the number of items which are brought between home and school and removes the necessity for children to change in classrooms; both of these measures help to reduce the risk of infection. Details of your child's PE days will be provided during the first week of term in September.

Jewellery and Fit Bits

For safety reasons, children are only allowed to wear small studded earrings. No other jewellery is allowed. 'Fit Bits' or similar devices are not allowed in school.



School Bags

It is still recommended that pupils limit the amount of equipment they bring into school each day. From September children will be able to bring essential items into school such as lunch boxes, water bottles, and coats. Book bags are allowed and children will be able to take reading books between home and school. Please can pupils avoid bringing any additional items into school; if they have 'show and tell' items, these can be shared virtually with the class, either through Tapestry (Cherry Class) or using the class blog on Purple Mash. Please name book bags clearly with a permanent black marker. Please remove all toys or key rings from book bags and ensure that nothing is attached or clipped to book bags.

Out of School Care

Stepping Stones Out of School Club is pleased to confirm that they are able to reopen in September. Please see Stepping Stones website for details: <https://www.steppingstones-cononley.co.uk/> or contact Jo Clark at Stepping Stones. Email 519507@nyey.co.uk or phone 07557331688.

Children or Members of Household Who Display Symptoms of Covid 19

If your child or anyone in your household displays any the symptoms associated with Covid 19 (new continuous cough, a high temperature, loss or change to sense of smell or taste) your child must not attend school and the following precautions must be taken:

- Anyone with symptoms should self-isolate for **10 days** from when their symptoms started.
- Anyone who does not have symptoms should self-isolate for 14 days from when the first person in your home started having symptoms.
- Anyone displaying symptoms should get a test as soon as possible.

Testing

All adults and children will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus, and are encouraged to get tested in this scenario. Please see the NHS website for details of how to obtain a test <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/> Please inform school of any test results at the earliest opportunity.

Negative Test

If someone tests negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating. 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. Other members of their household can stop self-isolating.

Positive Test

If someone tests positive, they should follow the '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)' and must continue to self-isolate for at least **10 days** from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have



symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia (loss of sense of taste or smell) can last for several weeks once 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. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days.

Children Who Display Symptoms of Covid 19 in School

If a child becomes unwell with the symptoms of Covid 19 in school (see above for symptoms) parents/carers will be asked to collect their child and get a test as soon as possible. While they are waiting to be collected, the child will be removed to a room where they can be isolated with adult supervision. The adult will wear full Personal Protective Equipment in this situation.

If there is a positive test for anyone who has attended school, school will contact the health protection team. The health protection team will carry out a rapid risk assessment to confirm who has been in close contact with the person during the period that they were infectious, and ensure they are asked to self-isolate.

Based on the advice from the health protection team, school must send home those people who have been in close contact with the person who has tested positive, advising them to self-isolate for 14 days since they were last in close contact with that person when they were infectious.

Further Information for the New Term

Next week, you will receive further information about revised procedures for homework, including reading books, as well as more detailed information about what your child will be learning this term and how you can get in touch with your child's class teacher. A diary of events for the school year will also be available from next week. If you have any questions about the arrangements for the re-opening of school next week, please don't hesitate to contact school: admin@cononley.n-yorks.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

Mrs Pickles

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