



Measham Church of England Primary School

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Friday 10th July

Measham CE Autumn 2020 Full Re-opening to Children

Dear Parents/carers,

As we approach the end of the school year, I firstly want to send a sincere thank you to all the parents, children and staff at Measham CE Primary School. The past few months have been the biggest challenge we've ever faced in education and your support and kind wishes have been very much appreciated.

Guidance relating to next term has now been issued by the Department for Education and we are currently planning that all pupils will return to school from the beginning of the autumn term. We are basing our approach to reopening on Department for Education (DfE) guidance.

We have further updated our risk assessments to ensure that school is as safe as it possibly can be for the children and staff. I wanted to give you all as much information as I could before the summer so that you can prepare, however if the situation changes, these plans may be subject to change.

When we re-open it is important to remember that some of our children will not have been in school for nearly 6 months. Many children will be looking forward to returning to school, but many will find being around people difficult, frightening and even overwhelming. We acknowledge that the daily life of a school, with its hustle and bustle, could be difficult for some. With this in mind we plan to reopen in a phased way as follows:

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| Wednesday 26th August | Transition Morning | SCHOOL REOPENS TO SEND/VULNERABLE CHILDREN ONLY 8.40am to 11.30am THIS SESSION WILL BE BY INVITATION ONLY. YOU WILL RECEIVE A LETTER IN THE POST IF YOUR CHILD IS ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND. Children will meet their new teacher, meet support staff/1:1s, see the classrooms, look around the school and generally be given an opportunity to familiarise themselves with school again- some may well have been in school during closure but lots will not- some may be anxious |
| Thursday 27th August | Transition Day | For children in ALL year groups with surnames A to M Children can meet their new teacher, see the classrooms, see the school site and generally be given an opportunity to familiarise themselves with school again- less children/parents on site to reduce any anxiety |
| Friday 28th August | Transition Day | For children in ALL year groups with surnames N to Z Children can meet their new teacher, see the classrooms, see the school site and generally be given an opportunity to familiarise themselves with school again- less children/parents on site to reduce any anxiety |
| Monday 31st August | SCHOOL CLOSED BANK HOLIDAY | |
| Tuesday 1st September | Information on timings below | All children return to school full time |



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AUTUMN TERM ARRANGEMENTS- these procedures will be in place until Friday 16th October

There will be a staggered start and end to the day to minimise adults and children gathering on site. Staggered start and finish times will not reduce the amount of overall teaching time in school, lunchtimes have been condensed to accommodate the slightly shortened school day.

This will be organised by surnames as follows:

| | Drop off | Collection |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Surname starting with A – H | 8.45am | 2.55pm |
| Surname starting with I – P | 8.55am | 3.05pm |
| Surname starting with R - W | 9.05am | 3.15pm |

Everyone must arrive promptly, following the drop off and collection times

- Parents must enter the site through the gate by Peggs Close car park and follow the one-way system around the outside of the building. Parents will drop off/collect at the relevant door. Parents will then carry on around school and leave on the path onto Bosworth Road. **The bottom gate will be locked**
- Staff will be outside to direct parents around the one-way system
- Parents enter site following social distancing markers on the ground
- A member of staff will greet children and send them to their classroom.
- Only one adult should bring a child to school and if siblings are coming with you, **please do not let them play/touch any outdoor equipment or toys**
- Please can we remind you not to use the school car park
- **Parents will not be allowed into the school building**

How can you help us at these busy times of day?

- ✓ Be patient with staff and other parents- these measures are for everyone's safety
- ✓ We ask that parents do not stop and chat with others, but clear the area as soon as possible
- ✓ We ask that you practise physical distancing on the school site, use the markers to help you
- ✓ Try to keep to the timings- initially there may be queues whilst we get into this new routine
- ✓ Let school know if your child is allowed to walk home/walk to meet you

What will school be like when my child returns?

We have been asked to keep children in 'bubbles' which will include the children, teacher and LSA in the class. These groups will as far as possible not mix with children in other 'bubbles'. They will be able to play and interact with the children in their own bubble. Children will be allowed to sit next to each other in class; for safety, desks will face the front and will be placed in rows. EYFS and Year 1 classes will be less formal with activities around the room on tables and tough spots.

Staff will avoid unnecessary contact with pupils and older children will be encouraged to keep their distance and avoid touching others, particularly staff. Staff will still try to maintain physical distance from the children, however, if children need support in class or need a helping hand, this is allowed, for a short time. Staff will clean surfaces frequently during the day.



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Hand washing and hand sanitising has become part of our everyday life and we will be encouraging the children to wash/sanitise their hands throughout the school day, particularly at transition times and before and after eating.

We will continue to use the outside space as much as possible. Please make sure that your child has a water proof coat, they will be outside for breaktime and lunchtime; we cannot rely on the sunny weather indefinitely!

Shared equipment will be minimised with children having individual equipment on their desks. We are currently developing a system for sending reading books home safely, they will be quarantined for a short period before being redistributed to other children.

Corridors and walkways have 2m tape markers and 2m markings have been placed outside for break times and to help everyone remember what a safe distance looks like. These will also help parents keep apart at drop off and collection times.

There will be no whole school assemblies, they will be in class with some video assemblies weekly.

What else do parents need to know?

- Children will need to wear full Measham CE School Uniform, including shoes not trainers - our uniform policy is available on the school website
- Children will be able to bring in their book bags, coats, lunchbox (if they need one), a water bottle and PE kit that will be hung on their pegs during the day. Year 6 children will be able to use lockers to ease congestion. Children do not need any other equipment
- ALL KS2 children will be encouraged to bring a fruit snack for playtime. EYFS/KS1 will be provided with fruit in the morning
- Children do not need to wear face coverings; however, staff may need to wear them in certain circumstances
- Older children will not be allowed to bring phones to leave in the office, if they have one, they must turn it off and put it into the box in their classroom when they arrive at school. It will be handed back at the end of the day but must not be turned on until the child is off site
- Lunch- The kitchen will be open and the children will be able to have a hot dinner or bring sandwiches from home. Payment should be made online through School monies. As usual, the children will be able to let their teacher know what they are having for lunch each morning.

When the children return to school after the summer, to ensure that the school community is kept as safe as possible, parents/carers will need to be ready and willing to engage with the NHS Test and Trace process and must advise school **immediately**.

This means that parents must:

- [Book a test](#) if they or their child/ren are displaying symptoms. Children must not come into the school if they have symptoms, and will be sent home to self-isolate if they develop symptoms in school. All children can be tested, including children under 5, children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their parents/carers if using a home testing kit
- Provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked to do so by NHS Test and Trace
- [Self-isolate](#) if they have been in close contact with someone who develops coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)



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Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can and should get a test. Tests can be booked online through the NHS [testing and tracing for coronavirus website](#), or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet. Essential workers, which includes anyone involved in education or childcare, have priority access to testing.

School will ask parents and staff to inform us **immediately** of the results of a 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.
- 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 7 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 can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 7-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.

If you have any questions about this please phone school or email office@measham.leics.sch.uk

We will write to the families of new EYFS children separately with further details and dates regarding transition into school after the summer.

Life is slowly returning to normal and we can't wait to see the children back in school! I know that some of you will still be feeling anxious but as always, we will endeavour to make the return to school as positive as possible for the children.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful summer break and look forward to welcoming you all back to school next term.

Yours sincerely,

Sylvie Newman
Executive Headteacher