

# Alderwood Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families have been keeping well.

Following the Government's confirmation yesterday that it is safe for schools to open to more children, Alderwood Primary School will begin to open to more children after half term.

Thank you to all the parents that responded to our request to email into the office indicating whether your child will or will not be returning to school. For those parents that indicated that they would like their child to return to school; Alderwood will open on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June for both our Year 6 children and the children of Key Workers and on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June for children Year1 and Reception and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June DSP.**

## For those children who are remaining at home

We are continuing to offer home learning through our Compass Essentials Curriculum consisting of a Reading, Writing and Maths lesson each day and 3 foundation subjects across the week.

Teachers will continue with Google classroom sessions 3 times per week, when teachers can respond to children's questions. These will now happen in the afternoons. We will also be increasing our Google Meet sessions each week to two, when you will be able to see and talk with your teacher and class. Your teacher will let you know a start date for these sessions on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Teachers across the trust are sharing the planning and resourcing of home learning. There may be some videos that accompany learning from teachers other than their teacher.

## For those children who are returning to school:

We are really excited to be welcoming some of our families back into school. We have created the points below to support the transition period. Please support us through reading and following the below.

## Preparation for the return



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The most important thing that families can do is talk to the children lots about the return to school. Some children will be hugely excited, and others may feel anxious. It will be really important for them to talk about all of their feelings. We will, of course, be doing this in school but the more you talk to them at home first the more prepared they will be.

### **The key messages for children are:**

- You may have different teacher but will have a familiar adult in your bubble
- Drop off will be different
- You may not be in same classroom but will be learning in a similar way to have they been learning at home
- School will look at bit different and there will be some new routines to learn
- **Most importantly we are very much looking forward to seeing them back.**

### **Key messages for parents/Carers**

- Children should **not** be sent into school if they have any symptoms
- Parents should inform the school if their child is absent if they are expected in and the reason for absence as they usually would.
- The government guidance is that children do not wear face masks and coverings which we are asking you to follow.
- Please inform the school of any key information- recent illness, family illness, family bereavements so that we can support with this.

### **Pick up and Drop Off**

We are asking parents to maintain social distancing of 2 meters between all adults.

- Please line up using the lines outside of your allocated entrance point.
- We are asking that only one parent accompanies their child to school. The staggered start will ensure that this is possible with siblings.

**Drop Off** Parents are invited to queue at your designated gate. When you reach the front of the queue the teacher will ask your child to come to them in the playground.

**Pick Up** Parents are invited to queue at your designated gate at the end of the day. When you reach the front of the queue the teacher will ask your child to meet you at the gate entrance.

**Please do not arrive early and please leave promptly to make space for the next group in order to maintain social distancing. It is really important that everyone is on time.**

Children will sanitise their hands when they come into and leave school.

Bubbles will use the shortest possible route between gates and outside provision.

## Communication

The school will be limiting all visitors including parents inside the site and ask that all communication is via text, phone or email contact.

The school office will be closed to personal callers other than by appointment only. All queries should be directed by email to [awconatct@alderwood.compassps.uk](mailto:awconatct@alderwood.compassps.uk)

In exceptional circumstances an appointment for a socially distanced meeting can be made.

Office staff will support day-to-day communication via email and text to parents and from parents such as first aid bumps or queries etc.

## What to bring

- Children can bring a barrier/hand cream to keep on their desk and apply after hand washing if you would like.
- A packed lunch will be available from the school kitchen as a school meal this can be paid for as normal on SIMMS Agora. However, your child can also bring in a packed lunch from home to be kept inside the classroom.
- A named water bottle.
- A light coat or cardigan if needed.
- Children will wear their normal uniform. This does need to be kept clean. We are not asking for PE kits to be bought in as children will be informed when it is their PE day and they can come into school in their appropriate kit.

## What not to bring

- Children should only return books to school for returning – They will keep a book in school to read.
- No personal possessions, pens, pencils large headbands, school bags etc.

## Your child's Bubble

Class sizes will be reduced to a maximum of 15 children. The same children and staff will work together each day for a week. We are calling these classes Bubbles.

To support social distancing between bubbles transition times for each bubble will be staggered. Please note your transition time.

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Teaching Staff</b>	<b>LSA Staff</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Pick up/Drop Off</b>
<b>Reception</b>	Mrs. Edwards/ Mrs. York	Miss. Cook/Miss. Millard	Reception Classroom	8:40 – 8:50am  <b>Reception gate</b>  2:50pm
<b>Year 1</b>	Mrs. Harris/ Mr. Gregory & Ms. Baker	Miss Moczarska/Mrs. Kimmis /Mrs. Musa	Y1 Classroom	8:40 – 8:50am  <b>Main gate</b>  2:50pm
<b>Year 6</b>	Mr. Guy/Mrs. O'Donnell	Mrs. Archer/ Mrs. Aldridge	Music Classroom	8:40 – 8:50am  <b>Front Entrance</b>  2:50pm
<b>DSP</b>	Ildiko	Karen/ Sara/ Lorraine/ Vicki/ Jo R	DSP Classroom	8:40 – 8:50am  <b>Main gate</b>  2:50pm

We are really looking forward to welcoming some of the children back into school and support the countries safe return to some kind of normal.

Please do contact us with any questions or ring the school.

Adam Wilson