



Watton Westfield Infant and Nursery School, West Road, Watton, Norfolk, IP25 6AU

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Summary of the latest government advice regarding the full reopening of schools in September

Following last week's announcement by the government that schools will reopen fully in September, we thought it would be helpful to summarise the main points from the Department for Education guidance. Please bear in mind that this guidance may change and **it is important we hold an up to date email address** for all parents and carers to keep you up to date with any developments over the summer holiday. As we currently understand:

- The benefit to children's education, mental health and safety by returning to school now outweighs the reducing risk to public health from Covid 19. This will be kept under review and local closures will happen if necessary. No measures can be guaranteed absolutely risk free.
- It is compulsory for all children of statutory school age and above in all year groups to return to school full time from September 2020. This includes children who may have previously been shielding.
- Children will be in class 'bubbles' of up to 30. Classes will not mix. Whole school activities such as assemblies will be avoided. Arrival and departures times and break times may need to be staggered to allow for social distancing at the gate.
- Children will be expected to comply with the code of behaviour, including hygiene routines, necessary to ensure a safe, secure environment
- Any children and staff with Covid 19 symptoms (new cough, temperature and /or loss of taste or smell) must stay at home, self-isolate for 7 days and take a test. The rest of the household must self-isolate for 14 days. If a child or staff member tests positive the rest of the class will have to self-isolate for 14 days. Children not attending school will be given access to remote learning.
- Schools will have robust systems in place to prevent and respond to infection, including minimising contact and/or social distancing, hand washing, thorough cleaning and having PPE available as required.
- Children will be able to attend breakfast and after school clubs or go to a childminder before and after school, as long as these are limited in number. We will work closely with other settings to minimise the risk of infection.
- It is recommended families walk or cycle to school where possible. The use of public transport should be kept to a minimum and strict hygiene measures used where this is necessary. Children under the age of 11 are not required to wear face coverings on public transport.
- Schools should aim to return to a normal curriculum in all subjects by the summer term 2021. All normal statutory tests will take place in summer 2021 in accordance with usual timetables.

Over the next few weeks we will be updating our risk assessments and finalising arrangements for how this will look at Watton Westfield and Watton Junior Schools. We will send another letter with specific arrangements for your child's class once these are available. Please contact us to discuss any questions or concerns you may have so we can support your child's return to school.

Please print, sign and return the attached Home/School Agreement to acknowledge your understanding of our joint responsibilities. Thank you.

Kind regards,

Mrs Helen Kemp

Executive Headteacher



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Corvus Education Trust HOME-SCHOOL AGREEMENT

The principal aim of our Corvus schools is to lay the foundations for the future intellectual, physical, social, moral and cultural development of each child. We aim to achieve the highest possible standards in relation to the pupil's age and ability by providing teaching of a high quality and a rich curriculum that meets national requirements. Through efficient management at all levels we aim to make best use of our available resources within a stimulating environment.

This is a shared vision and commitment by all involved with the school.

School's responsibilities

- provide each child with a broad and balanced curriculum appropriate to his/her ability and age
- develop each child's potential as an individual, as a member of society and as a future adult member of the community with a range of social and personal opportunities and responsibilities
- provide a, secure and orderly environment and a clear code of conduct
- care for each child by making sure he/she is and feels safe, can share problems and be looked after when taken ill pending the arrival of parent or carer
- communicate regularly with families in order to:
 - inform
 - monitor
 - consult
 - negotiate
 - report
- provide an annual written report for each child
- provide homework activities for the children
- ensure that the school is easily accessible to all families
- inform the family promptly of any problems



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Parents/Guardians responsibilities

- make sure children come to school regularly, on time, refreshed, alert, appropriately dressed and ready to work. However, children should not be sent to school if they are ill or have been sick.
- ensure that children are picked up promptly at the end of the school day and in the event of illness.
- participate in the life of the school by talking, sharing or discussing specific or general educational issues which affect the school.
- support the aims of the school and its policies, including behaviour and discipline.
- actively support their children's learning by attending parents' evenings, taking an interest in school activities and promoting learning – at home and in leisure pursuits.
- support the children in their homework activities
- inform the school at the beginning of the first day of each period of absence
- tell the school of any relevant problems – educational, social, health, family, bullying
- have respect for and tolerance of others' views

It is expected that the child will

- attend school regularly, on time, ready to learn and take part in school activities
- work purposefully to achieve the highest possible standards
- comply with the code of behaviour, including hygiene routines, necessary to ensure a safe, secure environment
- consider and respect the feelings and property of other people both in school and in the wider community
- be considerate and courteous at all times – to each other, staff and visitors
- do all homework as well as he/she can
- have respect for and tolerance of others' views

Good two-way communication between home and school is essential to ensure that concerns do not become problems. The school prospectus identifies general complaints procedures. If you have any concerns regarding the education or welfare of your child please approach the class teacher or Executive Head Teacher.



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I have read the Corvus Home-School agreement and understand the School's responsibilities and the Parent/Guardians responsibilities.

SignedOn behalf of School

SignedParents/Guardians

Name of Child.....

Class.....

Date.....





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