



**Northcote Primary School – Frequently asked questions for return to school September 2020**

**1. If my child wakes up in the morning and feels unwell what should I do?**

If your child is unwell they should be kept off school and you should seek medical advice.

If your child is displaying symptoms of COVID-19 please follow NHS guidance. Call 119 or go online to book a test, begin to self-isolate until you have the results of your test. Please keep school informed on results.

**2. What will happen if my child becomes unwell in school?**

If your child becomes unwell in school, we will contact you immediately to come and collect your child.

If your child starts to display symptoms of COVID-19 whilst in school – they will be kept in an isolation room where they will be supervised until they are collected. IT IS VITAL THAT WE HAVE UP TO DATE CONTACT NUMBERS FOR ALL OF OUR FAMILIES. Any siblings will be collected at this time too.

**3. What is a 'Bubble'?**

To keep our children and staff safe and to work with the track and trace system we are working within class bubbles. This means that children will stay in their class bubbles for all of their lessons and will not mix with other bubbles from other year groups. There are occasions throughout the day that year group bubbles will mix. This will be outdoor playtimes and lunchtimes; only one-year group will be in the dinner hall at one time so social distancing can be followed.

**4. How will the children find their new classroom?**

When the children enter the school building through their designated doors they will be greeted by staff who will show them to their new classrooms. This will continue until children are confident in finding their own way.

**5. Will school be serving hot school meals?**

Yes. Our full menu will be served daily and we will publish this on our website ASAP.

**6. Can my child bring a packed lunch to school?**

Yes. Packed lunches will be stored on year group trollies or boxes.

**7. Can my child bring a bag to school? What can my child bring to school?**

No. No personal belongings should be brought into school. Individual stationary will be provided in class.

**8. Does my child need to bring a book bag into school?**

No. To start the year home reading will be completed online. More information will be provided as the term starts.

**9. What if my child is late for school?**

Please try and not be. It is vital for the safety of children, staff and families that the staggered start and end of day times are adhered to. If you are late, please contact the school office for a time that you can safely be admitted as we do not want a mix year group bubbles.

**10. Can I speak to my child's teacher at the start and end of day?**

Teachers must maintain social distancing therefore we ask for all communication to be done via email or phone. We are setting up a designated email address for concerns that will be shared along with class teacher emails.

**11. Will children be doing PE in school?**

Yes. PE will run as normal; PE kits are going to be stored in year group bubbles.

**12. Does my child have to wear school uniform?**

Yes. Children are expected to wear full Northcote School Uniform and we ask that these are washed regularly.

**13. Who needs to wear a mask?**

Only Parents who are picking up and dropping off on the school yard are asked to wear a mask. Children are not required to wear a mask?

**14. Can my children bring hand gel into school?**

No. School is providing hand gel and soap and water for frequent hand washing.

**15. If my child's class is sent home to self-isolate because of a positive COVID-19 case – do their siblings need to stay off for 14 days?**

No. Only siblings of the child who tested positive would need to self-isolate for 14 days.

We cannot wait to welcome our children back to school – we thank you in advance for your support, patience and understanding in this difficult time. Our mission continues to be *'To enable pupils to maximise their potential; both intellectually and socially, by creating a stimulating, secure and caring environment in which a broad and balanced education is provided.'* We will endeavour to do this even though procedures will have to change.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Many Thanks.

