

Friday 17th July 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

INFORMATION FOR OPENING TO ALL CHILDREN IN SEPTEMBER

Following a meeting yesterday with the CEO and members of the Dales Academies Trust board to scrutinise our risk assessment, I can confirm they are happy with the procedures we have in place.

Hopefully you have had the opportunity to read the earlier published information from the Department for Education, if not, it can be read here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

To ensure we keep both children and adults safe, we have clear guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) for what must be done, which is below.

Normally our 3-year-old children, who stay on afternoon, would join with class 1, however due to COVID-19 we will be doing activities within the preschool building all day with the aim of joining class 1 in the summer term on an afternoon (COVID-19 permitting).

Arrival Information

Entry time: 8.45am (arrive 8.45-8.55am)

Entry point: The large gate, which will be pinned back, outside the kids club mobile classroom. Follow the green signs going through the kids club play area and keeping to the right until you get to the gate which says preschool drop off point.

Collection Information

Collection time: 11.45am

Collection point: Please wait in the kids club play area if other parents are there to ensure 2m distancing, then collect from the same gate as drop off.

If your child is attending for the whole day, please follow the above collection instructions, collecting at 3.15pm.

If your child/children are booked into before/afterschool club

Breakfast Club – Please drop children off at the kids club building on a morning. Children will be collected at 8.45am and taken to the preschool classroom with others in the preschool bubble. They will eat breakfast/after school snack sat at tables with others in their bubble. Children going to after school club will be taken to the kids club classroom. Please collect your child from the kids club building.

Other Arrival and Collection Procedures

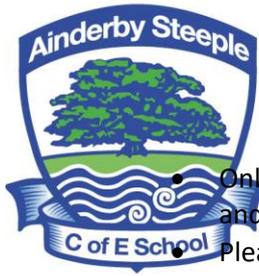
- Times must be followed. Please do not come late/early as you will then clash with another bubble of parents and children.

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- Only 1 adult to bring/collect a child please. Any children accompanying must be with the adult and supervised at all times.
- Please do not block entrances/gates/doorways when waiting to ensure 2m social distancing
- Children should not be on any playground equipment after school.
- Please vacate the school premises as soon as you have collected your child/children as we have just 5 mins between the arrival/leave time of each bubble and we must prevent parents/children from different bubbles meeting.
- Please do not enter the preschool building. Please do feel free to speak with a member of staff by email or phone to minimise physical contact. Staff will be ensuring they follow the 2m social distancing with adults at all times and where possible with children.
- Your child may be feeling anxious about starting school after time off, please do try and leave them as quickly as possible as they will soon settle. This is hard to do, so please do feel free to contact us if you need reassurance they have settled and we will call you if they continue to be upset.

What we have done throughout school

- Risk assessment carried out and approved by the Dales Academies Trust Board
- Toys/non-washable items removed from classrooms.
- All children are in class bubbles with the exception of before/afterschool club which is permissible as per DfE guidance.
- There are cleaning kits, first aid kits and tissues in each classroom.
- Lidded bins are in each classroom.
- Staff regularly clean surfaces during the day and more thorough cleaning at night by the school cleaner.
- Each bubble accesses their own allocated toilets.
- Each bubble has different entry and exit points.
- Staggered breaks/lunch/ arrival and collection times.
- Preschool children staying all day will eat their packed lunch in the classroom
- Handwashing signage around school
- Signage around school to identify exits and entrances and reminders to keep 2m distancing.

Equipment (as per the DfE guidance)

- Belongings between preschool and home must be limited as much as possible.
- Named water bottles brought to preschool each day and kept separate from other childrens' hence the need to be named.
- Please ensure a clearly named lunch box if your child has a packed lunch (name on the outside of the box).
- No toys etc should be brought to school.
- Please don't send a comforter to school for preschool children unless it can be kept at school from Monday – Friday.
- Please ensure your child has a jumper in preschool in case they are cold as classrooms will be well ventilated with windows open at all times.
- Please ensure children have appropriate clothing each day for the weather forecast when they are outside.

During the Day

- There will be regular handwashing throughout their time in preschool.
- Windows will be kept open for good ventilation, children will spend their time within their class bubble.
- Please encourage your children to dry their hands thoroughly and get them to use a moisturiser at home to help prevent cracked hands.



Please do not send your child to preschool if unwell and showing any symptoms of Coronavirus or as soon as they get here, we will be phoning you to take them home.

- Do not give your child Calpol before preschool as this can mask symptoms of high temperature etc. If they need Calpol to make them feel better, then they should perhaps not be in preschool.
- Please ensure we have the correct information for you and are contactable at all times.

Someone becoming unwell at preschool

If anyone becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature in an education or childcare setting, they will be sent home and advised to follow the [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection guidance](#).

If a child is awaiting collection, they will be moved, where they can be isolated behind a closed door, depending on the age of the child and with appropriate adult supervision. Windows would be opened for ventilation.

PPE will be worn by staff caring for the child while they await collection if a distance of 2 metres cannot be maintained (such as for a very young child or a child with complex needs).

In an emergency, we will call 999 if they are seriously ill or injured or their life is at risk. Do not visit the GP, pharmacy, urgent care centre or a hospital.

Anyone with symptoms should self-isolate for 7 days. Their fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days.

Everyone has access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) and they should follow the guidance on [how to arrange to have a test](#), or contact NHS 119 via telephone if they do not have internet access.

If your child tests positive you should inform school immediately. You should follow the [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#) and your child must 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 (anosmia). 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.

If your child tests negative, other members of the household can stop self-isolating. If your child feels well and no longer has 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.

If you have any further questions please email school. We look forward to seeing the children in September.

Many thanks

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