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The information below is intended to help you prepare for the forthcoming new academic year. Please regularly check our website at www.greenlandcommunityprimary.durham.sch.uk for any updates as more information becomes available to us. Day to day information will also continue to be posted on our school and partnership Facebook pages.

ALL YEAR GROUPS WILL RETURN TO SCHOOL

Returning to school is no longer optional, therefore, all children will be expected to do so. As this is a mandatory return, fines will be in place for those failing to do so without good reason.

If your child is unable to return to school in September it is essential you contact Miss Lewis or our Attendance Officer Mr Shaw on 07914143634 or 01207 232147 to discuss this further.

START DATES & TIMES

Our school officially re-opens on Wednesday 2nd September 2020.

From September we will have staggered drop off and pick up times to limit the number of people on the premises at one time. I appreciate some families have children in different year groups but we are unable to accommodate every family's individual circumstances. It is vital the times and locations are adhered to and families leave the premises quickly.

Reception children will come in through the EYFS gate where they will be met by staff. A separate letter has been sent out to our new starters to explain the transition visits and start times for the first few weeks. Parents will need to walk down the pathway from the car park barrier keeping to the left nearest the school fence. Children will be handed to staff at the gate and parents will walk back up the path once again keeping to the left.

Year 1 and 2 children will continue to arrive and leave using the Key Stage 1 gate which leads into the playground and parents will wait (socially distancing) on the right of way path running alongside the car park fence. The Key Stage 1 gate will be open from 8:30am - 8:45am. Children can be collected at 3:00pm.

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children will continue to arrive and leave using the Key Stage 2 gate beside the MUGA. Years 5 and 6 can arrive between 8:15am – 8:30am. Years 3 and 4 can arrive between 8:30am – 8:45am. Years 3 and 4 can be collected at 3:10pm whilst Year 5 and 6 can be collected at 3:20pm.

It would be greatly appreciated if you do not arrive earlier than your allocated time slot and once you have collected your child/children please leave the premises immediately so we can monitor the number of people on site. If we feel we



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need to change these times to avoid too many people being on the premises we will do so. It is vital you do not use the drop off and collection times to linger on the premises unnecessarily. Only one adult should be on school premises. Should you need to bring a younger sibling then please ensure they always stay with you. Please do not walk through the car park.

UNIFORM

We will return to full uniform in September. We feel it important, now more than ever, for our children to feel a sense of belonging and part of our school community and uniform helps us achieve this.

Our uniform consists of grey or black trousers or skirt, a white polo shirt and a bottle green jumper or cardigan. Leggings, joggers and denim trousers are not permitted. It is worth noting that a school badge jumper is not essential so please do not put your family under any financial pressure to purchase this. Where possible clean uniform should be worn daily. Black school shoes or black on black trainers are permitted. Coloured shoes or trainers (those with coloured motifs, logos or white soles) are not permitted. Trainers can be worn at break and lunch times to access the MUGA but will not be permitted as school shoes.

PE will return to our curriculum in September and so again, children should wear their PE uniform when participating. Our PE uniform consists of a white t-shirt and green or black shorts. Branded t-shirts or football strips are not permitted. Black or green tracksuit bottoms in the colder weather are permitted.

All the above uniform items can be purchased locally at ASDA.

Under current guidelines items brought into school from home should be limited to a packed lunch, reading book and homework. These items also require cleaning once in school and again when taken home. Reading books and homework need to be isolated and taken out of circulation for 48 hours. Mobile phones will **NOT** be allowed in school.

TEST & TRACE

It is very important that we control any outbreak of Covid-19 in our school, therefore, should this happen, all staff and children will be required to engage with the Test and Trace process.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they will be sent home and advised to follow **'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection'**, which sets out that they **must self-isolate** and should **arrange to have a test** to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19).

Other members of their household (including any siblings) should **self-isolate for 14 days** from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.

There are two ways to arrange a test – you can book a coronavirus test online at <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or call 119 if you have no internet access. Everyone can get access to a test. Anyone in your child's household must also self-isolate. Please let us know if you have difficulties in doing this.

YOU MUST LET SCHOOL KNOW THE RESULT OF YOUR CHILD'S TEST.





Finally, please ensure you have informed school of any updated telephone numbers or changes to addresses to ensure that we hold the correct information for your child.

I appreciate there is a lot of information to digest. In the meantime, should you have any additional questions please contact me via a.lewis200@durhamlearning.net and I will endeavor to help as much as I can.

Many, many thanks for your continued support. Without it we would not have the amazing school we have. The staff and I cannot wait to have everyone back in September so please work with us to make 2020-21 an amazing year for our children.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'A Lewis'.

Miss A. M. Lewis

Headteacher

