



Protective measures in place on the school site from September 2020

Dear families

As you will all know, the government are keen for all children to come back to school in September, and we are working hard to ensure that all the children of Castle View are as safe as possible when they return.

In addition to regular handwashing and respiratory hygiene, which we will be teaching the children from their first day, the government recommends 2 main strategies for keeping children safe:

1. **social distancing** – government advice acknowledges that it is not possible to socially distance in a classroom, so have suggested ways of cutting down the risk of infection. The actions we take will be as follows:
 - Older children will sit in pairs at tables spread out as much as they can be in the classroom, with all children facing the front, rather than in groups facing each other
 - Getting up and moving around the classroom will be kept to a bare minimum
 - Windows will be kept open where appropriate to circulate air
 - Lessons will be held outside where it is possible, keeping groups of children separate.
2. **Keeping groups of children separate from each other** – the less opportunities there are to mix, the lower the risk of the infection spreading. We will be putting all of Year 3 – Year 6 in their own separate class bubbles, and having 1 Key Stage 1 bubble. This will mean that there are 5 bubbles in school and they will be kept separate by:
 - Eating lunch in their own classrooms
 - Having a designated play space marked out on the yard to play in at break times and lunchtimes.
 - Cancelling whole school assemblies and other large events

We would really appreciate parents helping us to keep the school site as quiet as possible by sticking to the following rules:

- Children can be dropped off at any time between 8.30am and 9.00am to ensure that we do not have groups of adults at unsafe distances on the yard
- Children can be picked up between 3.00pm and 3.15pm and parents should again wave to the adults in the classroom then stand 2m away from the door to wait for their child to come out.

- Older children can be dropped off at the school gates and can walk around to their classrooms. This will cut down on the number of adults on site.
- Parents of younger children may need to come onto the school site to escort their children to the classroom doors
- Children in Reception to Year 4 should be collected from outside their classroom door - please wave at the door or window (rather than knocking or touching the door or handle) and then stand 2m back - the teacher will be watching out for you and will open the door.
- If you have a child in Y5 or Y6 who needs to be collected, and are willing to do so, please could you arrange a pick up point just outside the gate on the path to meet your child at the end of the school day. This will help us to cut down the number of adults on the school site
- Please avoid coming in to the school office – if you have a query, please ring us or email us. If it is urgent, and you need to use the office, please ensure that only 1 person is in the entrance space at any time, and stand 2m away from the person you are speaking to.

ON WEDNESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER, ADULTS WILL BE IN THE PLAYGROUND TO HELP CHILDREN OR PARENTS FIND THE CORRECT CLASSROOMS

Children need to:

- Bring a drinks bottle to school with them
- Bring in their reading book and reading record
- Wear school uniform
- Come straight into school

Many thanks for your cooperation with these measures to keep us all safe – it is greatly appreciated.

Best wishes

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