



# Thrussington C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have reached the end of a term like no other and I would firstly like to thank you all for your support during this very difficult time. We are now in our second phase of risk assessing for whole school return and I want to share with you the arrangements for the first few weeks of term so that you know what to expect. More details will be provided about school return in the week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> August when the plans have all been finalised and passed by the Full Governing Body for approval.

## **Social bubbles**

We will now have 3 'bubbles' within school, one for each class. These bubbles will be kept apart during the school day by staggering drop off and pick up times, staggering break times and lunchtimes and holding class assemblies rather than joining together.

Each social bubble will have its own space in school, which will be their classroom. Each bubble will also have their own space in the playground for play time and lunchtime. They will eat lunch together in their own designated space and play together outside. Assemblies will also be held in these groups rather than the children gathering together. Children will only mix with children in their own bubble, and additional precautions will be in place for moving around the school site to minimise contact between bubbles.

Within each bubble's designated space, furniture will be re-arranged to seat children facing the front, and children will be encouraged not to make contact with each other physically. Use of shared resources will be minimised but if used will be cleaned at the end of each day. Children will have their own sets of everyday equipment such as pencils and whiteboards, in a ziplock bag or pencil case, to make sure they are not sharing items. Teachers will support children to learn and practice the new behaviours and routines that will be needed to help everyone to stay as safe as possible. While it is no longer required for the children to social distance within their class bubble, sensible attitudes regarding safe physical space will be reinforced. Respiratory and hand hygiene will also continue to be of high priority.

The school will continue to have extra cleaning in place at break and lunchtimes.

## **Social distancing for adults**

Social distancing will be in place at the start and end of the school day. Start and end times will be staggered for each year group to minimise the number of people on the school site at any time, and families will need to keep 1m+ apart at all times. There will be a drop off system in place at the front of the school. With more children coming into school it is important that you are punctual both at the beginning and end of the school day so that children

can enter and leave within their 10 minute time slot and minimise the mixing of bubbles.

There are still very strict restrictions on visitors to schools so school will communicate with parents online or by phone. Parents will not be allowed onto the school grounds unless, and only in exceptional circumstances, they have a pre-booked appointment to see a member of staff. Ideally only one parent should bring a child to school or collect them at the end of the day.

We are working on detailed risk assessments and plans to reflect our own individual circumstances and to ensure that all risks have been minimised as much as they possibly can be. We will only open when all the necessary risk management actions have been completed and signed off by our Full Governing Body.

Our intended whole school opening arrangements are outlined below:

**Week One** (beginning 24<sup>th</sup> August)

- Finalise risk assessments and confirm risk mitigation procedures
- Staff training – recovery curriculum planning
  - Retrieval practice training
  - Assessment training
  - Wellbeing training
  - Safeguarding annual training
- Deep clean of all areas
- Test protocols
- Trial procedures
- Confirm signage
- Review procedures etc

**Week One (week beg 24/08/20)**

Start/Finish	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00 –12.00			EYFS New starters (am)	EYFS New starters (am)	EYFS New starters (am)

**Week Two (week beg 31/08/20)**

Start/Finish	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11.50 –3.15	BANK HOLIDAY	EYFS	EYFS	EYFS	EYFS
9.00 – 3.20		Class 1	Class 1	Class 1	Class 1
8.50 – 3.10		Class 2	Class 2	Class 2	Class 2
8.40 – 3.00		Class 3	Class 3	Class 3	Class 3

### Week Three (week beg 07/09/20)

Start/Finish	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00– 12.50	EYFS	EYFS	EYFS	EYFS	EYFS
9.00 – 3.20	Class 1	Class 1	Class 1	Class 1	Class 1
8.50 - 3.10	Class 2	Class 2	Class 2	Class 2	Class 2
8.40 – 3.00	Class 3	Class 3	Class 3	Class 3	Class 3

#### Recovery curriculum

A lot of our work in the first week will be ensuring that we have a comprehensive and consistent approach to return across the school. Our priority is to settle our children back and allow them to build back their relationships with their peers before starting to identify and address any gaps in their learning.

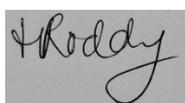
#### Wrap Around Care

This will open from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September. DfE guidance allows wrap around care to open, we will endeavour to keep bubbles in separate areas and maximise the use of our outdoor space. Please [sign up](#) as soon as possible so that we can staff the club appropriately.

We will continue to keep you updated with any new information as soon as it is available.

I hope you have a wonderful Summer holiday and I cannot wait to have the whole school back in September.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher



Patrick Rendall  
Chair of Governors