

# Chelmondiston Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted that school will reopen for all pupils on Monday 8th March. Thank you for all you have done to support learning at home this term.

As a reminder, if someone in your household tests positive with COVID, your whole family must self-isolate for 10 days. If your child feels unwell, please keep them at home.

Your child should self-isolate and not come to school if they:

- Have tested positive or have coronavirus symptoms (a high temperature, a new and persistent cough or a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste)
- Live with someone who has symptoms or have tested positive
- Are a close contact of someone who has tested positive

If a child or member of staff tests positive, the class/bubble will have to self-isolate for 10 days. Learning for that class will revert to online tasks set on ClassDojo each day.

Otherwise, attendance is mandatory and our usual rules on attendance will apply.

Please read this information carefully and get in touch if you have any questions.

<b>Cygnets Rec/Y1</b>	<b>Melissa Y2</b>	<b>Edith May Y3</b>	<b>Thistle Y4/5</b>	<b>Edme Y6</b>
Drop off 8:45 am - 9 am KS1 Gate	Drop 8:45 am - 9 am KS1 Gate	Drop off 8:45 am - 9 am KS2 Gate	Drop off 8:45 am - 9 am KS2 Gate	Drop off 8:45 am - 9 am KS2 Gate
End 3:25	End 3:30	End 3:25	End 3:30	End 3:30
Wear Forest Schools clothes on Tuesdays	Wear PE clothes on Tuesdays and Wednesdays	Forest Schools clothes Thursday	Wear PE clothes on Wednesdays and Thursdays	Wear PE clothes on Mondays and Thursdays
Wear PE clothes on Wednesdays		Wear PE clothes on Mondays		

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Please be assured that we have been reviewing our Risk Assessment and will implement safety measures in accordance with government guidelines. Children are already familiar with the increased hand washing/sanitising and other routines that will continue that we had in place last term.

### **Start and end of the day**

To keep everyone safe we will continue to have a 'soft' opening time and staggered finish times. Please...

- Be punctual but not too early.
- Only one adult per family.
- Wear a face covering.
- Follow the one-way system and all leave by the gate on St Andrews Drive.
- Do not gather in groups to talk to friends.
- Parents are encouraged to send children in Years 3 to 6 through the KS2 gate to walk into school on their own.

### **Break times**

Breaktimes are also staggered and the children will stay in their bubbles at all times.

School dinners are available as usual, or children can bring their own packed lunch from home. A cooked dinner for children in Years 3 to 6 costs £2.30.

You can apply for free school meals at

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

### **Things to bring to school (named please) :**

- Water bottle
- Book bag/bag and any school books to return
- Coat
- Sun hat
- Healthy snack (Years 3 to 6)
- Change of footwear for playing outside (e.g. wellies, old trainers)
- Packed Lunch - if required

### **Early/Late Bird Club**

In order to support parents, our 'wrap around' provision will continue on the 8<sup>th</sup> March (as long as there are enough bookings to make this viable). Please contact the school office as soon as possible to arrange this. ETS Sports clubs will not be running sports clubs before Easter.

Early Bird runs from 8am until 8:45am and costs £1.50 per session.

Late Bird runs from 3:30pm until 5.00pm and costs £3.00 per session.

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### **Other information**

- Staff take lateral flow tests twice weekly to help rule out asymptomatic cases of COVID in our school community.
- Children do not need to wear face coverings.
- Stationery and learning equipment is provided by the school.
- PE kit should be worn on the designated day instead of school uniform.
- There will be no school trips until further notice.
- Parents' evenings will take place in the summer term. These will probably be online rather than in school. Further details to follow.
- Please avoid visiting the school office unless it is necessary. A phone call or email would be safer. 01473 780576 [admin@chelmondiston.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:admin@chelmondiston.suffolk.sch.uk)
- Post any letters or forms through the post box at the main door - do not send them in with your child.
- Check ClassDojo/emails for updates.

### **What will school be like for the rest of the term?**

With the well-being of pupils in mind, we have adapted our curriculum for the three weeks before Easter. We will be easing children back to daily routines and key skills, particularly in Reading, Writing and Maths but there will also be a strong focus on Outdoor Learning. We are committed to ensuring that our children engage in the natural environment and through this, develop personal skills and confidence. Re-integration to social situations and re-establishing and building new friendships is a part of school life that we know most pupils have missed out on during lockdown.

Children will continue participating in the Daily Mile as well as having extra outdoor physical activities throughout the week.

Two classes - Cygnets and Edith May- will begin the highly-regarded Forest Schools programme next week; we are fortunate that we can continue with this on our site (as off-site trips are not currently permitted). Miss Clarke is our Forest Schools Leader and she will be contacting parents very shortly with more details.

All classes will have opportunities to engage in Outdoor Learning during this time and so having spare outdoor shoes and a coat will be essential - as with playtimes, we will still be venturing outside if the weather is wet.

We will be celebrating a Science Day on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March and have planned a 'hands on' day of learning.

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Lockdown has been a challenging period for all of us, and we'd like to thank you for your continuing support during this difficult and uncertain time. If you or your child have any concerns about returning to school, or if you think your child might need extra support when they return, please get in touch with the class teacher via ClassDojo.

We'll continue to keep in touch if we update our plans or if we need to make changes due to new government guidance.

Warm regards,



Lesley Etchingam  
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