



Frodsham Weaver Vale Primary School

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School Re-Opening – Monday 8th March – All Pupils

Dear Parents / Carers,

Firstly, I would like to offer my thanks for all of your support during the past eight weeks. This has been a challenging period, one that I know that you would join with me in hoping that we do not return to, any time soon.

I am very pleased to be informing you that Frodsham Weaver Vale Primary School will be re-opening to **all** pupils from Monday the 8th of March. This is in-line with the Department for Education 'Schools Coronavirus (COVID-1) Operational Guidance' published February 22nd 2021.

We are issuing updated documentation that was sent to parents, ready for the return to school in September 2020. The majority of the rules and procedures that were put into place before Christmas will now be re-started. Please take time to read the following information – pay particular attention to our staggered drop off and collection times.

It is important that we all continue to work with the guidance so as to ensure that the government roadmap out of lockdown can be achieved.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – please ensure that you read in full

School Structure

| | BUBBLE 1 | | BUBBLE 2 | | BUBBLE 3 | | BUBBLE 4 | | |
|------------|--------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|----------------|----------|--------------------------|------------|
| Key Stage | EYFS | | KS1 | RP | LKS2 | | UKS2 | | |
| Location | Class 1 | Class 2 | Class 5 | | Class 6 | Class 4 | | Bay Area | Class 3 |
| Year Group | Nursery | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | YR - Y6 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
| Class Lead | Mrs Sutton | Miss Curtis | Miss Sands | | Mrs Burkey | Miss Pemberton | | Miss Baker | Mr Roberts |
| LSA | Mrs Thompson | Miss Jones | Mrs Hindle / Mrs Smith / Mr Nicholson | | Mrs Alexander / Miss Montgomery | Miss Todd | | Mrs Atherton / Mrs Smith | |



Q: Is attendance compulsory from March 8th 2020?

A: Pre-lockdown rules for attendance will come back into force from Monday the 8th of March. Attendance is statutory and will be enforced in lines with Cheshire West Education Welfare rules. Parents who do not send their children back to school risk being fined.

Q: What is my child's drop off time?

A: Our risk assessment has shown that through this initial period, we must stagger pupil start times to remove the potential of a 'bottle neck' of parents and children at the school gate.

Q: Is drop off and collection in the usual place?

A: When planning for re-opening we are adhering to the guidance from the Department for Education (DFE) and Public Health England (PHE). They advise that the only people who are permitted onto school site will be staff and pupils. We will be closing our car park before school starts each day, it will remain closed all day.

Drop Off Instructions

At your child's designated drop off time parents are asked to queue with their child at 2m intervals at the top gate along the pavement observing national social distance guidance. Mr O'Connor (Site Manager) and myself will come to the top gate and allow the children to walk down the main path to the main school entrance. Once all children are safely on the path then their class lead will ask them to walk calmly into school and their learning space.

| Bubble | Class | Start Time | How, Where and Who |
|----------|---------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Bubble 1 | Nursery / Reception | 0840 hrs gates open at 0845 hrs | Access car park via gate at RHS of car park - across car park and wait (SD) alongside school. |
| Bubble 2 | RP | 0855 hrs | Access car park via gate at RHS of car park - across car park and wait (SD) alongside school, by the office window. RP staff will then receive the children direct from their parent. |
| Bubble 2 | Y1/2 | 0845 hrs | Y1/2 to come down the main path to school - JH to collect Y1/2 children and take to class through school hall. |
| Bubble 3 | Y3/4 | 0840 hrs gates open at 0845 hrs | Y3/4 are to be directed down the path by the adventure playground. They are to line up socially distanced and taken in to class by AT. |
| Bubble 4 | Y5/6 | 0850 hrs | Y5/6 are to be directed down the path by the adventure playground. They are to line up socially distanced and taken in to class by AA. |
| Late | ALL | After 0900 hrs | All children will be in school by 0900 hrs. Any latecomers will be received at the front office where they will be signed in. |

Collection Instructions

At your child's designated collection time your child will be walked up the path to the gate. Please ensure that you are on time to collect your child as quick collection allows the next group to be prompt leaving school.

| Bubble | Class | Start Time | How, Where and Who |
|----------|---------------------|----------------|---|
| Bubble 1 | Nursery / Reception | 1515 hrs | Access car park via gate at RHS of car park - across car park and wait (SD) alongside school. When an adult is seen their child will be passed back to them by classroom leads. The adult is to leave by the gate in the top RHS of car park. |
| Bubble 2 | RP | 1515 hrs | RP parents are to enter car park via the gate at the tope RHS of the car park. They are to wait (SD) alongside the school office, ready to receive their child from the RP staff. |
| | Y1/2 | 1505 hrs | Y1/2 to exit school by gate by main entrance and walk up to top gate and be distributed by their class teacher. |
| Bubble 3 | Y3/4 | 1505 hrs | Y3/4 to exit school by the playground corridor. They are to walk up to top gate and will be distributed back to their parent by the class teacher. |
| Bubble 4 | Y5/6 | 1515 hrs | Y5/6 to exit school by the playground corridor. They are to walk up to top gate and will be distributed back to their parent by the class teacher. |
| Late | | After 1515 hrs | All children will be brought back into school to the main foyer area and arrangements for late collection will be organised. |

Q: How many children and adults will be in each bubble?

A: Your child will be taught in their normal class.

- EYFS bubble contains both Nursery and Reception children as they share the outside space. The children will be taught separately.
- Y5/6 are together in a bubble as they will share the same outside space for play. They will be taught separately.
- Y1/2 and RP will be in the same bubble. They will be taught separately for the majority of the time. The adults will be working across both classes supporting children.

Q. What should my child wear to school?

A: As of Monday the 8th of March 2021 we are expecting every child to attend school in their normal school uniform (including school PE kit). This will be enforced.

No child should wear jewellery or make-up (other than stud earrings). This will be expected to be removed immediately. Persistent breaches of this will result in a child being sent home for their make-up to be removed.

Q: What happens if my child is ill?

A: If your child displays any symptoms of COVID-19 whilst at home, they are to remain at home. You are to get them tested immediately and inform school that you have done so. Children who have tested positive must remain in isolation at home for 10 days. If the bubble has had to close due to a child or adult testing positive, then all members of the bubble must self-isolate for a further 10 days, there is no exception to this. If your child exhibits any signs of illness at school, then a call will be made immediately for them to be collected and the testing process to commence.

Q: How can my child get tested if they have COVID-19 symptoms?

A: Children of all ages are now eligible to be tested for COVID-19, please ring the NHS helpline on 111 and they will direct you in booking a test.

Q: What happens if my child hurts themselves?

A: Staff at Frodsham Weaver Vale Primary School have a duty of care to all children in the school. They will be looked after just as they would have been previously. Staff will wear PPE if any medical care needs to be administered as they would normally.

Q: What will my child need to bring with them?

A: All children must bring in their own clearly labelled **water bottle**. In EYFS and KS1 please can you ensure that children bring their reading book bag. If we encounter wet weather then coats must be brought to school so that your child can still access the outside environment. If the weather is hot, you must apply **sun cream** to your child before coming to school. School staff **will not be able to** do this on your behalf.

Q: Can my child purchase morning break snack?

A: There will not be the opportunity to purchase snack. If you wish your child to have a snack then please supply them with a healthy snack / drink which can be consumed easily before mid-morning break. School will continue to provide fruit for children within EYFS and Key Stage 1. Any additional fruit will be offered to Key Stage 2 pupils. Every child will be offered half a slice of toast each day.

Q: How will lunchtime be organised?

A: Children will be able to purchase a School Dinner in-line with previous (see website for prices). As we cannot get all children into the hall for risking cross contamination of bubbles we will be placing a bubble hall rota for sit down meals. On the other occasions the children will eat their lunches in their classroom / learning space. After they have finished their lunch they will be able to throw away all packaging in a black bag. Once lunches have been eaten the children will wash their hands and then proceed to the outdoor space to enjoy their play time.

Q: Will my child have access to wash their hands?

A: All children will have access to sinks within the room that they are in with their bubble. They will need to wash their hands on entering the room in the morning, before and after snack, before lunchtime, after they have been to the toilet, and at other times when their adult thinks it necessary, e.g. after sneezing or from being outside.

Q: What will your child be learning?

A: We will be working on reducing learning gaps that may have formed due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Teachers are looking forward to returning to teaching the Frodsham Weaver Vale Primary curriculum.

As you can see from the above, we are continuing with the slight changes that we have made to the times of certain year group's day. It is therefore paramount that you ensure that your child is ready to be sent into school and collected at their designated times.

School leaders are continuing to ensure that our risk assessment is updated in line with the new guidance and is revisited each week and amendments and updates are added and communicated when and as required.

We have put other procedures in place to protect your children and staff at Weaver Vale. Hopefully as guidance changes and the impact of COVID-19 decreases we will be able to input some of our previous processes.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me through the school e-mail admin@weavervale.cheshire.sch.uk.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you all on Monday the 8th of March at your child's designated arrival time.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Van Geffen', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr P. Van Geffen.