

Dear parents,

Below I have laid out some initial timetables as well as frequently asked questions.

I am aware that the timetables may cause some initial child care difficulties as breakfast and teatime club will no longer be available.

We will have a maximum number of 9 children we can accept in each group. If numbers of families choosing to return their children to school exceed this number, we may need to prioritise children using the information gained from the critical worker questionnaires.

I am happy to discuss any concerns you have or add further details. Please email [p3183.admin@durhamlearning.net](mailto:p3183.admin@durhamlearning.net) if you wish to discuss this more.

PLEASE DO NOT TURN UP AT SCHOOL ON JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> IF YOU HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY LET SCHOOL KNOW YOUR INTENTION TO RETURN AND BEEN CONTACTED BY A MEMBER OF STAFF TO CONFIRM YOUR INTENTION TO RETURN.

**TIMETABLES for children of critical workers** – *please note, all timetables are subject to change based on numbers of families requesting that their children return to school and government guidelines changes.*

|              | Start times  | End times |
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| <b>Mon</b>   | 9am  | 3pm       |
| <b>Tues</b>  | 9am  | 3pm       |
| <b>Wed</b>   | 9am  | 3pm       |
| <b>Thurs</b> | 9am  | 3pm       |
| <b>Fri</b>   | 9am  | 3pm       |
| <b>Notes</b> | <b>Drop off and pick ups will take place at the school gate for all pupils. Please ensure only one adult picks up and that social distancing is observed.</b><br><b>This timetable may change.</b><br><b>Please ensure your child does not bring in any bags or other items other than a coat.</b> |           |

**We do understand that some children of critical workers will not be in school every day. In time we will establish a timetable allowing us to know when your child will be in school. On the other days your child will access learning remotely.**

## **FAQs**

| Question  | Answer   |
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| School will look very different when we return. How will school be organised? How will the children be organised? | Children in the junior group will continue to learn between the junior classrooms. Infants will continue to work in their infant classroom. Staff will be on a rota to deliver face to face teaching and also prepare remote learning materials. Children will no longer operate within different bubbles. We will be one bubble allowing staff to work on a rota basis across both groups. This arrangement allows teachers time to prepare online resources and maintain contact with parents. |
| Can I choose not to send my child to school every day?  | Yes. The decision to send your child in is yours. If you prefer us to work with your shift patterns we are happy to do that. Remote learning will be available for the rest of the time when they are not in school. Children learning remotely will be provided with the same learning content and materials as those in school..   |
| When will the school day start and end? Will my child be able to go to breakfast club and tea time club?          | School starting times are laid out below and parents should drop off and pick up from the school gate.<br><br>There will be no breakfast club or teatime club  |
| Will my child be working in their usual classroom with their usual teacher?                                       | Not necessarily. Teachers and support staff will be on a rota in order to maintain remote learning alongside face to face provision.   |
| Will my child be in a group with their friends?   | We aim to group the junior children together in a groups and the infant children together in a group. At playtime they will be allowed to play together as we will now be organized as one bubble.   |
| What will the classrooms look like?   | Classrooms will look the same as they did before the Christmas break. They will be familiar to the children and we have not made any changes to the layout.  |
| Will two metre social distancing be maintained for all children?  | We do not need to maintain 2 metre social distancing within a bubble . hand washing will continue to be prompted throughout the day to maintain high levels of personal cleanliness.   |
| What lessons will my child be accessing?  | We will provide the same learning content for children at home learning remotely and children in school. They will continue to learn maths and English as well as a range of other foundation subjects. Children will supplement their learning with the online subscriptions we have funded.  |
| Will staff and children be required to wear personal protection equipment (PPE)?                                  | Staff will not be wearing PPE other than in very specific situations. Children will not be asked to wear PPE   |
| What will happen if it is suspected / or confirmed that an adult or child in school as symptoms of COVID 19?      | If a member of our group reports symptoms, the whole group will be informed. It may result in the whole group, including the staff, being asked to go home and stay at home to self-isolate for 10 days alongside their family.  |
| Will my child be required to wear school uniform?   | We are asking that children do wear uniform  |
| How will playtimes be organised to ensure my child's safety?  | As we will be operating as one bubble, children will have access to the whole playground and all of the climbing frames and equipment available for that day.  |

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| How will dinner time be organised to ensure the safety of my child?   | Children will eat their dinner altogether in the school hall. If your child usually has school dinners , a hot school meal will still be available to them each day. The menus will be different but will be planned carefully with cook to ensure we take into account the foods the children like to eat.                               |
| Will Visitors still be able to access school?<br>Will I be able to come into school to meet with the class teacher? | Parents/carers will not be able to come into the building over the next few weeks. We will encourage you to contact us via phone call.<br>Only essential maintenance/health and safety visitors will gain access to the school . If this guidance changes we will let you know.   |
| What shall I do if my child is unwell?  | If anyone in your household displays symptoms of COVID 19, the whole household should stay at home and isolate for 10 days. Tests should be booked and you should inform the school of the outcome of those tests to ensure we can comply with track and trace.   |
| Will handwashing be encouraged for all children   | Yes   |
| Will the cleaning routines in place be adequate to reduce the risk of transition?                                   | School has been deep cleaned.<br>All cleaning materials/methods used are those recommended by the Local Authority to ensure a high quality clean. There will be an increased amount of cleaning throughout the day. Children will be encouraged to clean hands throughout the day.<br>Hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms. |

