

CONIFERS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Reopening

Dear Parent/Carers

We very much look forward to welcoming the children back on the 8th March 2021 and having the school 'buzzing' once more, with their chatter, learning and energy. I imagine you're looking forward to it too!

Obviously, many restrictions, in respect to the school reopening safely for all children and staff, remain in place. Although we are familiar with these, we have been instructed by Government, to ensure we follow procedures to the letter, so here is just a quick reminder of how it all works.

The **Start** and **End** of the school day starting Monday 8th March, will remain staggered, as it was before the Christmas break.

SCHOOL DAY	START	FINISH
Years 1 & 2	8:30 am	3:00 pm
Years 3 & 4	8:45 am	3:15 pm
Years R, 5 & 6	9:00 am	3:30 pm

Although the times of break and lunch will not directly affect you – these too, will remain staggered, to help maintain our 'social bubbles'.

Entry & Exit from School

Access to the school will, once again, be via both the Front and Rear gates and children will be granted access at the time reserved for their specific Year group. Reception aged children will continue to use the gate on the left hand-side of the driveway as you look at the school, all others, the right hand-side gate.

Please note, that the same protocols in respect of having to leave and re-enter for different timings of siblings remain in place – in line with Government restrictions, we simply cannot heighten the risk of large scale infection from crowds of people gathering on the school grounds.



We recognise that you may have much to report from your child's time away – but please address any issues by email or phone in the week before your child returns to school. This will alleviate the possibility of a member of staff being 'mobbed' on the first day back. **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT SOCIAL DISTANCING REMAINS A PRIORITY FOR BOTH YOUR AND OUR SAFETY**

Wet Weather Timetable

In the event of bad weather, having the children line up outside and yourselves re-queuing is obviously not an option. We will therefore continue with our 'Wet Weather Timetable' when necessary. **As before, this timetable allows siblings to be dropped off and collected at the same time.**

Please be aware that this timetable will ***only be used in the event of rain*** as logistically, it monopolises large numbers of staff, forces the unnecessary movement of numerous children around the school and most importantly, dramatically reduces teaching and learning time – children could lose well over an hour every day as they wait for peers to arrive, or whole class learning has stopped, as many of our pupils have left with siblings.

Importantly, this timetable still follows a staggered start and end to the school day, as we are still bound by Government guidance to reduce large gatherings of adults on the school site, and maintain Year Group 'bubbles' – however, the one difference is that siblings can enter and subsequently leave school, at the same time. The ENTRY and EXIT points for ALL YEAR GROUPS remain the same as they were before the Christmas break.

Year Reception – from their classrooms and playground

Years 1 & 2 – from their classrooms directly off the playground

Years 3 & 4 – from the rear of the school

Year 5 & 6 – from the middle of the building directly off the playground

We will obviously have to take much of our lead from local weather forecasts, but you will be as aware as I am, of the accuracy of these. If we believe that the weather is going to be 'wet', we will text to inform you that the Wet Weather Timetable will be running. If it is initiated, it will run for that day, irrespective of whether the rain stops. If the day starts dry and then the rain arrives, we will inform you, again by text, that the Wet Weather Timetable will be running. **This will be done by no later than 2 pm.**

Other important information

As always – your support in keeping both the immediate and extended school community safe, is paramount to our success. Please remember the following:

- **If your or your child shows any symptoms of the virus – keep them at home, isolate and test**
- **If your child shows any symptoms of the virus at school, they will be placed in a quarantine room and you must make arrangements to collect them immediately**
- **If a member of your household – *including anyone in your 'support bubble'* shows any**



symptoms of the virus - you must not send your child to school

- **Face coverings must be worn by anyone entering the school site**
- **Remember to keep your distance away from others on entry and exit to the school – social distancing**
- **Maintain a safe distance from school staff**
- **Do not loiter in groups on school grounds**
- **Restrict numbers of family accompanying your child to and from school**
- **Only one person at a time is permitted to enter the Office/Reception area, to talk to school staff**

Thank you – see you all soon.

