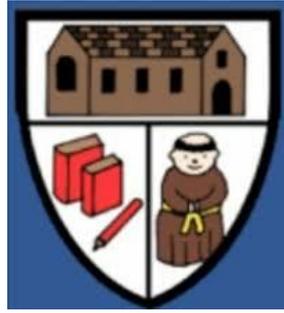


Monkshouse Primary School

Reopening of School - Year 1



For the past few weeks we have been staying at home and following social distancing rules because of an illness called Coronavirus.



The Government have now said that some children can return to school. School will now be open for children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.

However, when you return to school it will look very different to how you may remember it and there will be some new rules that you will have to follow.



All classes (you may also hear these being called bubbles) will have less children in them. You will have to stay in these groups all day - even at playtimes and lunchtimes. This helps to stop germs spreading.

When you arrive at school you will have to look for the sign that tells you which is your entrance. It is important that you only use the entrance that is signposted for your year group. For Year 1, this is the entrance by the bike shed.

We would prefer it if you walked to school.



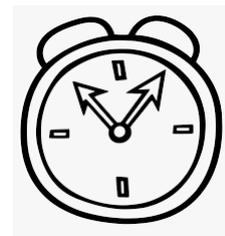
Please continue to follow social distancing rules as you enter the school.

Each bubble will start school at different times - it is important that you are on time and walk across the playground towards where your teacher will be stood.

Miss Cooke's class will start school at 8.30am.

Mrs Quinton's class will start school at 8.30am.

Mrs Wickham's class will start school at 8.45am.



Your parent/carer will take you to the barrier near where your teacher is stood.

You will quickly say goodbye to your parent/carer there and walk towards your teacher who will open the gate to let you through.



Once you have gone through the gate, you will walk down the KS1 path towards your classroom door, where Mrs Meadwell, Mrs Mason or Mrs Inglis will be waiting for you.

It is important that we continue to follow social distancing within school and there will be lines down corridors to help you to do this.



Classrooms will also look very different with tables spaced out to stop us from getting too close to each other.



Mrs Quinton



Miss Cooke



Mrs Wickham

In your classroom, you will be given your own table and you will have your own tray with all of your books and the resources you need in it. It is important that you stay at your table and only use the items that are in your tray.

You must **only** bring your lunch box and a coat into school with you and these will be stored in your classroom. Your teachers will tell you where to put them



You should also bring a clean, named, full water bottle into school with you each morning. You will not be allowed to fill your own water bottle up during the day, but an adult will refill it for you.

You do not have to wear your school uniform to school, but you will need to wear a clean set of clothes each day. As we will be spending lots of time outside, please make sure you wear sensible shoes (preferably trainers) to school.

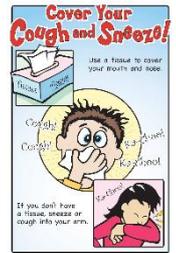


Playtimes will also be very different. The field and playground will be split into different zones and you will have to stay in the zone you are given with the other children in your bubble. It is important to play games with your friends that mean you can stay 2 metres apart. An adult will remind you of social distancing if you get too close to another person.

When you arrive at school, and throughout the day, you will be asked to wash your hands. You should use soap and warm water and wash your hands for at least 20 seconds. There are also hand sanitizer units around school which you will be able to use to help prevent the spread of germs.



If you cough or sneeze, it is important to cover your mouth with your hand or your elbow. You will then immediately need to go and wash your hands. If you use any tissues in school, there will be a special bin with a lid which they should be put in.



You will be able to use the toilets throughout the day. However, to stop people within different bubbles mixing, we will ask you to knock on the door first to check that no one else is in there before you go in.

At the end of the day, you will leave school using the same door that you came in through. It is then important that you leave school straight away through the gate onto the playing field with your parent/carer.



When you are walking to or from school, please remember to stay 2 metres away from other families.

We are really looking forward to having you back in school soon. If you are worried about anything or have any questions about coming back to school, please message your teacher on Seesaw so that they can help you.

