

Arrangements for full reopening of school from September

(subject to review)

Who should attend school?

School will be reopening for all children full time from the beginning of the Autumn Term (Monday 7th September)

Who should not attend school?

- Any child whom a doctor has advised they should not attend on medical grounds. Please note that current shielding measures will end at the end of July.
- Children displaying symptoms of COVID-19 or self-isolating due to symptoms in their households.
- Children who are otherwise not well enough to attend school.

Does my child **have** to attend school?

Statutory school attendance will be back in force, so all children are expected to attend unless unwell, isolating or due to other authorised circumstances at the discretion of the headteacher.

When will school be open?

School will be open across both sites to all year groups during term times, unless advised to close due to local or national public health concerns.

How will children be grouped?

Children will remain in their Year groups as separate bubbles for the majority of the time. In order to accommodate the smooth running of the school, we will have three larger bubbles as follows:

- Early Years and Key Stage 1 (Squirrels, Rabbits and Otters)
- Lower Key Stage 2 (Foxes and Badgers)
- Upper Key Stage 2 (Woodpeckers and Owls)

Their class teacher(s) will remain with them the majority of the time, but other staff may be involved in their teaching and learning at certain times during the week. Staff will take appropriate precautions in terms of distancing and hygiene protocols to enable them to work across bubbles where needed.

When will school start and finish?

There will be a slight stagger to start times at Cople to reduce numbers at the school gate.

Start and finish times will be as follows:

	Drop Off	Collection	Gate
WILLINGTON			
Squirrels	08.50 – 09.00	15.15 - 15.25	Side gate (behind minibus parking)
Rabbits/Otters	08.50 - 09.00	15.15 - 15.25	Front gate
COPLE			
Foxes/Badgers	08.40 – 08.50	15.20 – 15.30	Side Gate
Woodpeckers/Owls	08.30 – 08.40	15.10 – 15.20	Front gate

Please come to the allocated gate and maintain a safe distance from others. There will be a member of staff on duty on the gate and the children will be directed straight to their classroom. Adults will not be able to enter the site, with the exception of Squirrels parents who may take their child to the Squirrels outside area. Children will be dismissed from the same gates at the end of the day. Older children who may be walking home alone will be released after all others in their group have been collected. If there is an overlap of collection times, please collect your younger child first.

What arrangements are in place to keep the children and staff safe?

- Class groups will not mix during the school day
- Rooms will be organised so that children sit side by side and not face to face. Classrooms will be kept well ventilated.
- Each class will have allocated toilet facilities.
- With the exception of the Squirrels, children will have their allocated seat within the classroom. Basic stationery will be allocated to individuals for their own use. Years 5 and 6 may bring a small amount of their own stationery if they wish.
- Cloakrooms will not be used for storage. Children will keep their belongings in the classroom with them.
- Any shared equipment will be cleaned between uses.
- Table tops and frequent touch surfaces will be cleaned regularly.
- Children will be reminded to wash their hands regularly and effectively and reminded about other measures such as trying to avoid touching their faces.
- Children should bring in their own small packet of tissues if possible.
- Movement around the classroom will be kept to a minimum.
- Staff will be given guidance on how to interact with and support pupils when distance cannot be maintained.
- Reading books will be monitored and managed carefully by adults.
- Breaktimes will be in allocated areas.
- Hot lunches provided by Caterlink will be served in the hall in sittings with tables cleaned between sittings. To allow space for safe seating arrangements, on the Cople site, children bringing packed lunches will eat these in their classrooms. On the Willington site, the children will all eat together in the hall and library area.
- **Within class bubbles, we will not expect children to maintain distance from each other or their regular staff, but we hope that by implementing all of the above measures we will be providing the safest possible environment for them.**

How will my child's well-being be catered for?

We recognise that everyone's experience over the last few months has been different and that while some children will be very keen to get back to normal school, others will be anxious and unsure. We will maintain well-being as a high priority, allowing time for daily check-in and well-being time. The first couple of weeks will focus on settling back into routine and expectations so that we know they are ready to learn.

If you are concerned about your child's well-being at any time or you feel they are particularly anxious about returning to school, please let us know so that we can help as much as possible.

How will my child catch up?

Once the children are settled in, we will be able to assess where they are at in their learning and where the gaps are. There will be some need to revisit missed learning as a whole class in key areas. We will also ensure that with any new unit of work, we revisit prior learning in that area. For individuals, there may be a need for targeted support and intervention, which may take the form of 1:1 or small group work out of the classroom, with another teacher or a teaching assistant. This may be for a short period of time or it may need to be continued for longer. We will keep you informed of any specific interventions your child will receive. Regular attendance and keeping up with homework tasks set will be vital in supporting your child's catch up.

How will I know how my child is doing?

We hope to use Class Dojo to share some of the learning that is happening in school. As always, we encourage you to get in touch with us if you have any concerns. Please email or arrange for a telephone appointment if you would like to discuss your child's learning. Where we would normally have parents' consultation meetings in school in early November, it is likely that we will arrange virtual meetings or telephone conversations around the same time.

What happens if school closes or my child is in isolation?

Distance learning will be provided if:

- A bubble needs to close due to a confirmed case of covid.
- The school needs to close due to local or national lockdown.
- A child needs to isolate due to covid symptoms in themselves or a family member.

Clear guidelines will be given about what learning will be expected, how it will be delivered and how it will be monitored.

Will children need to wear school uniform?

We will be returning to full uniform in September, with a couple of adjustments.

- Summer Uniform can continue to be worn until October half term.
- To avoid PE kit in school, we will ask that children come in PE kit on the days that they have a PE lesson. (These days will be confirmed on the first day of term.)

Please see the school website for uniform requirements and suppliers.

<https://sheerhatchprimary.org.uk/parents/uniform/>

Will Care Club be operating?

We plan to open Care Club for bookings in September with the same timings and pricing structure as Pre-Covid. Care Club will be open on both sites before school and on the Cople site only after school. Children from the Willington site booked in to Care Club will be transported to Cople at the end of the school day.

During Care Club, children will stay within their larger bubbles i.e. Years R, 1 and 2; Years 3 and 4; Years 5 and 6

Will the minibus be operating?

We will run the shuttle system between Cople and Willington at the beginning and end of the school day as previously. Children will need to queue at appropriate distances and only enter the bus under the supervision of staff so that we can group pupils safely, keeping to the larger bubble groupings. There may be a limit to the number of places available. Booking details will be released shortly.

Will there be extra-curricular activities?

We do not plan to start any after school clubs in the first half term so that we can monitor general health and safety and consider safe activities, groupings and the use of external coaches etc.

What happens if my child is hurt or ill?

We will continue to care for the children in the best way to meet their needs safely. In the case of injury, older children will be encouraged to be as independent as possible. When staff need to be closer to children to administer first aid or comfort children, they will have access to gloves and face covering.

If a child develops symptoms of Covid-19 whilst at school, they will be isolated. Staff caring for them will have PPE provided and all hygiene protocols will be adhered to. You will be contacted to collect your child and advised to access a test, which will be available to all children with symptoms who are attending school, and to self-isolate in line with current guidance.

What happens if another child (or member of staff) develops covid-19 symptoms?

If a child (or member of staff) is absent or sent home due to symptoms, parents of all children in the bubble will be informed. If a positive test confirms the virus, then that bubble will be closed and all advised to self-isolate. Other bubbles will continue to operate.

What else can I do?

Please continue to adhere to current guidance around distancing etc. outside of school to support us in protecting all children and staff in school.

Speak to us about any concerns or changing circumstances.