



Raughton Head C of E Primary School  
Raughton Head, Carlisle, CA5 7DD  
Head teacher Mrs A Dickinson

Dear parents,

We are in full support of the government's plan to ensure that all children, in all year groups, will return to school full time from the beginning of the autumn term. We will not put in place a rota and we encourage all children to be back at school full time from **Wednesday, 2 September**. In order to prepare for this we have made the necessary adjustments to the school premises and a full risk assessment is available if required.

This is summarised below:

### **Meals**

School meals will continue to be provided. Please notify school in advance should you wish to bring a packed lunch and on which days – this is only changeable at the start of each half term. Please send all packed lunches in disposable packaging. The price remains at £2.10 per meal.

Daily fruit will still be provided and each child has been given a water bottle that is cleaned and refreshed daily. There is no requirement for children to bring a snack or water bottle.

### **Uniform**

Children will return to their usual uniform in the autumn term. Uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often than usual, or in any different way to normal due to coronavirus (COVID-19). Public Health England does not (based on current evidence) recommend the use of face coverings in schools. This evidence will be kept under review. They are not required in schools as pupils and staff are mixing in consistent groups, and because misuse may inadvertently increase the risk of transmission. There may also be negative effects on communication and thus education.

### **Dropping off and collection**

Children can be dropped off from 08:45, please leave your children with me at the gate in the morning and they will make their own way into school where a member of staff will meet them and help them (if needed) to wash or sterilise their hands.

Children can be collected from 15:25 - when collecting children please come onto the school yard where children will be waiting in family groups.

Please do not feel that this means we will not have any contact with you – as always, should you wish to speak to us we will be available. However, at both drop off and collection times try and space yourselves from other parents, please try not to gather with other parents and remember to keep a safe distance from one another - coming onto the site without an appointment is not allowed.

It is still recommended that pupils limit the amount of equipment they bring into school each day, to essentials such as, lunch packaging, hats, coats and book-bags. Pupils and teachers can take books and other shared resources home, although unnecessary sharing should be avoided, especially where this does not contribute to pupil education and development. Similar rules on hand cleaning, cleaning of the resources and rotation will apply to these resources.

### **Symptoms**

We all need to be vigilant and we ask that:

- If someone in your household has symptoms you should not send your child to school.
- You engage with the NHS Test and Trace process so that cases can be identified and action taken - this means if your child develops symptoms, you should arrange for them to get a test and you should inform your school of the results of that test. A small number of tests will be available for suspected cases at school.
- If someone has tested positive in your household that your child remains absent from school for 14 days from the day the positive result was received.

## **School Transport**

This will resume in September, please see individual guidance and ensure hand sanitising takes place before children get onto the transport and in cases of the minibus sit in the same place each day.

## **Breakfast and After School Clubs**

We will be resuming breakfast and after-school provision from the start of the autumn term, in the first instance, to support our working parents. As the term progresses, we will aim to offer After School Club as a curriculum enrichment open to all children. Breakfast Club will run from 08:00 - 08:45 daily, priced £3 per session and After School Club from 15:30 – 17:30 priced £6 per session. Please complete the online booking via School Money by Monday, 31 August.

## **PE Kit, spare shoes/wellingtons**

Please send your child in with their PE kit, normal changing for PE will resume. As the weather is turning wetter please send a spare pair of wellies or trainers for outdoor play. PE trainers may also be used at playtimes. Sending a jacket daily is also encouraged as the weather can quickly change from a sunny start to a wet end!

## **New Starters**

Any parent who feels their child would benefit from a little more parent support on the first morning may bring their children at 08:30am.

## **School trips and visiting specialists**

With careful risk assessments in place and track and trace registration we can once again welcome specialists into school. Music sessions with Hannah will resume and Andy will continue with PE on a Friday. Swimming is still under review and we will notify you if we are wishing to take children out of school for any reason. Currently, we have no plans in place to do so. We are hoping to start our group teaching of the ukulele and individual piano lessons at some point this term.

Finally, it all sounds very daunting but we are thrilled that school is starting again and we are committed to ensuring we keep everyone as safe and as happy as we can.

If you have any questions please contact me via email – [headteacher@raughtonhead.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@raughtonhead.cumbria.sch.uk)

With very best wishes,



Alison Dickinson

**Trust ourselves, Trust one another, Trust God.**