



Warboys Primary Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I write to confirm arrangements in school from Monday 6th September in line with the current 'Schools COVID-19 Operational Guidance' from the DFE.

These 4 control measures will remain in place to help manage the transmission of the virus:

1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone

- Frequent and thorough hand cleaning
- Promoting good respiratory hygiene through 'catch it, bin it, kill it'
- Staff will use PPE to carry out tasks as they would normally

2. Maintain appropriate cleaning routines

- We will continue to operate the current cleaning regime which includes an additional 2 hours of cleaning in the middle of the day and additional wiping of surfaces between uses where practical

3. Keep occupied spaces well ventilated

- Windows and doors will be kept open to promote good ventilation – this will be balanced through the winter months with maintaining a comfortable temperature

4. Follow public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of COVID-19

- Pupils, staff and other adults should follow public health advice on when to self-isolate and what to do
- Children and staff will not attend school if they are displaying symptoms of COVID, have had a positive test or they are required to quarantine following a holiday
- Anyone in school who develops symptoms, however mild will be sent home and asked to follow public health advice
- Staff will recommence asymptomatic testing 3 days prior to their return to school and will test twice weekly

We are looking forward to returning to 'normal' whilst maintaining some changes in certain areas. Please see further details overleaf.

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Drop off and collection

Our current arrangements will remain in place. Children will be able to arrive at school from 8:30 a.m. and go straight into their classrooms. All children must be on site by 8:45 a.m. EYFS will keep their doors open until 8:55 a.m. allowing older children to be dropped off first. Registers will be completed by 8:55 a.m. and anyone arriving after this time will receive a late mark which is recorded as an unauthorised absence.

School finishes at 3:10 p.m. for all pupils and they will be brought out onto the playground by their teachers.

Face Coverings

These are no longer required either inside or outside the school building.

Self-Isolation and Bubble Closures

Bubbles will no longer be required, allowing children to move freely across the school. Where there is a positive case, the child and their family will need to follow public health advice and isolate, but classes and bubbles will not be required to close. NHS Test and Trace will be responsible for notifying close contacts rather than the school, but we will continue to work closely with them and act on their advice.

Food vouchers will be issued to pupils who are entitled to Free School Meals if they need to isolate and remote learning will be provided through Class Dojo.

Classroom Seating

Children are no longer required to sit in rows. Groups will be reinstated where this supports learning.

Assemblies

Children will be able to get together for assemblies and the hall will be well ventilated when it is occupied by the whole school or larger groups.

Lunchtimes

All children will return to eating in the school hall with staggered times as follows:

11:45 EYFS

12:00 KS1

12:15 Year 3/4

12:30 Year 5/6

P.E. Kit

Children will be expected to come to school wearing their P.E. Kit on their P.E. days. From September this should be the green WPA P.E. shirt. The planned P.E. days for the Autumn Term are:

CLASS	PE Day
Turtles and Dolphins	EYFS do not start P.E. until after October half term, days to be confirmed
Seahorses	Monday & Friday
Starfish	Monday & Friday
Whales	Wednesday & Thursday
Lions	Wednesday & Friday
Pumas	Tuesday & Thursday
Tigers	Tuesday & Thursday
Owls	Monday & Friday
Eagles	Thursday & Friday
Hawks	Monday & Friday

Bringing equipment and/or bags into school

The expectation that children do not bring bags into school will remain in place. Significantly reducing the number of items brought into school has had a highly positive impact on the school environment and it has reduced the amount of problems caused by items 'going missing'. Therefore, the only items children should be bringing to school are:

- Water Bottle
- WPA book bag
- A packed lunch if they have one

Please ensure all items are named

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We will be reintroducing a full offer of clubs in the Autumn term.

The Hideout

This will continue to operate as normal and the children will no longer need to stay in bubbles. The team are looking forward to extending the range of activities on offer as a result of the changes.

Testing

Where children are presenting COVID-19 symptoms, a PCR test will be required. May I remind you that lateral flow devices are for the purpose of asymptomatic testing and are not appropriate for children of primary age.

Community events

We are hoping to reinstate some of our community events later in the term. Where possible, these will be staggered to reduce the number of visitors on site and held outdoors.

Visitors

The Local authority have advised us to remain cautious during the first few weeks of the school term and therefore we will continue to minimise visitors to the school site. This means that meetings will continue to be held remotely rather than face to face.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing the children return to school on Monday.

If you have any queries or concerns then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,



Becky Ford
Principal