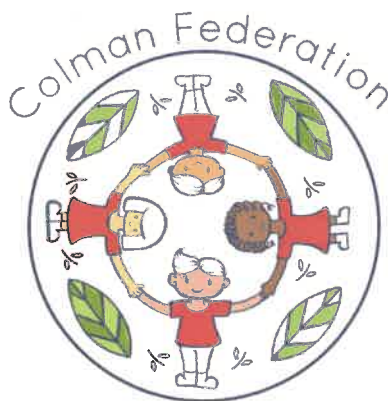


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1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

**COVID-19 ARRANGEMENTS FOR 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021  
(COLMAN JUNIOR SCHOOL)**

Following the release of government guidance on the return of all pupils to school from 8<sup>th</sup> March, we have been planning for this and can now share with you the arrangements. We are really looking forward to seeing all children back in school next week. The arrangements below are necessary to comply with government guidance and for the health and safety of the whole school community.

**Groupings/Bubbles**

Children will be arranged in year group bubbles. This will mean that they can interact with members of their year group only and that we are able to deliver our full school curriculum.

**Start of the School Day**

In order to manage the arrival at school safely, there will be a staggered start to the school day in the Autumn term.

Year 3 and Year 5 children should arrive in school between 8.35am and 8.45am.

Year 4 and Year 6 children should arrive in school between 8.50am and 9.00am.

It is really important that you are punctual at the start and end of the school day. Children in Years 3 and 5 who arrive later than their allocated time will be asked to wait outside until the other year group has moved through the entrance and common spaces.

Please remain socially distanced at the school gates and do not congregate. Parents dropping off and collecting their children are asked to wear face masks.

Please do not enter the school building for any reason without a prior appointment. If you need to speak to a member of staff, please contact the school office by telephone or email and we will contact you as soon as possible.

Children should not bring in their own stationery. We will provide these within each classroom. Please make sure that your child does not bring into school any toys or additional items at this time.

### **End of the School Day**

Again there will be a staggered end to the school day.

Year 3 and Year 5 children will leave school at 3.10pm.

Year 4 and Year 6 children will leave school at 3.25pm.

We realise that you may have children in different year groups or in other schools and that this might be challenging. We will wait with your child until you are able to collect them.

### **Lunches**

We are delighted to let you know that hot dinners will be available from 8<sup>th</sup> March. Please see the attached new menu. Lunchtimes will continue to be staggered to keep each year group bubble intact. Children will eat their lunches in their classrooms. School water fountains have been switched off and your child will need to have access to their own named water bottle every day.

### **School Uniform**

Normal school uniform rules apply.

### **Face Masks**

Currently the guidance for schools is that face masks should not be worn by children. If your child will be wearing a face mask whilst travelling to school, they will not be permitted to wear it on school premises and should be removed before entering the school site.

### **Handwashing and Respiratory Hygiene**

These will be strictly followed in school according to government guidance. Please help your child by reinforcing healthy routines for handwashing, coughing and sneezing.

### **Contact Details**

Please make sure that the school office has your latest contact information. You may have changed your mobile phone number and forgotten to inform us. Your contact information is really important to us, particularly in the event of COVID-19 within your child's year group. We may need to contact you urgently to minimise the risk to your child and other members of the school community.

### **Medication**

Please make sure that any medication your child needs, such as an epi-pen or asthma inhaler, comes into school on the first day of term and that it is in date. Any questions or issues you may have around medication can be addressed by the school office or Mrs. Davis, the school SENDCo at [ddavis@colmanfederation.org.uk](mailto:ddavis@colmanfederation.org.uk)

### **Attendance**

As already mentioned, attendance at school is compulsory for all children from 8<sup>th</sup> March. If you think that your child is likely to have an issue with returning to school, please contact our pastoral team as soon as possible. Geraldine Preston can be contacted at [gpreston@colmanfederation.org.uk](mailto:gpreston@colmanfederation.org.uk) and Tracey Mitchell can be contacted at [tmitchell@colmanfederation.org.uk](mailto:tmitchell@colmanfederation.org.uk) or by phone via the school office. We can then work with your child to ensure that they are ready to return to school next week.

If your child is unable to attend school because they are complying with clinical and/or public health advice, please get in touch with us as soon as possible.

If you are planning on taking a holiday abroad at any point within the school holidays, please make sure that you have sufficient time left within the school holiday period to follow any quarantine requirements. Absence from school for quarantine following a holiday abroad will not be authorised.

#### **If your child is ill and showing signs of coronavirus**

If your child has symptoms compatible with coronavirus they should not attend school.

If they develop symptoms while attending school, they will be sent home and told they and their households must follow the <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

Anyone with symptoms should self-isolate for 7 days.

Their fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days.

Everyone has access to a test so if your child or a member of your household displays symptoms of coronavirus you should follow the <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/> or contact NHS 119 via telephone if you do not have internet access. If your child tests positive, you should inform the school immediately.

You should follow the <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection> and your child must self-isolate for at least 7 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste (anosmia). This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 7-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal.

If your child tests negative, other members of the household can stop self-isolating. If your child feels well and no longer has symptoms similar to coronavirus, they can stop self-isolating. They could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu - in which case it is still best to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they are better.

#### **Contacting the school by phone**

From Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, we are changing our phone system and moving to one telephone number for both federation schools. Our federation phone number will be 01603 508530 and if you need to contact the infant school by phone, you should use this number. Please bear with us during the first week or so of this new way of working as we get used to our new phone system.

#### **School laptops**

If your child was issued with a school laptop or device during the recent lockdown, please make sure that these devices are returned to school with your child on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

If you have any further questions, please do get in touch. The school's full risk assessment will be available via the school website shortly. If there are any changes to government guidance, I will be in contact with you as soon as possible so you have time to make plans for your family.

Thank you so much for your continued support during the last few months and for your co-operation with keeping everyone safe. We know how challenging this has been for everyone. We look forward to welcoming all children back into school next week.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie Sandford', written in a cursive style.

Julie Sandford  
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