

Chesnut Lodge School and Specialist SEN College

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your families continue to be safe and well. Thank you for working with us over this challenging period, your support and encouragement has been very much appreciated.

Following the government's announcement on Friday 3rd July 2020 regarding the return to school for pupils and staff for the start of the new academic year we are now in a position to communicate our proposal for the full reopening of Chesnut Lodge School from Thursday 3rd September 2020.

In order to provide a safe learning environment for our pupils, we have put protective measures in place to reduce risks.

Entering / exiting

- Only one parent / carer should bring / collect their child from school.
- Parents / carers arriving in their own vehicles, should remain in the vehicle until approached by a member of staff who will let the pupils know when it is safe to enter the school building.
- Parents / carers walking to school, should queue up on the markings on the path, maintaining social distancing.
- On arrival, pupils wearing disposable / reusable face coverings must place them in a plastic bag to dispose of when they get home / wear when going home. Plastic bags should be provided by the parent / carer.
- If parents need to speak to a member of staff, they should telephone the school office to arrange a telephone discussion or meeting.

Bubble information:

Bubble 1	Bubble 2	Bubble 3
Foundation stage	Primary 3	Secondary 3
Primary 1	Secondary 1	Secondary 4
Primary 2	Secondary 2	Sensory Base

- Staff and students will remain within their bubble throughout the school day. The care and support, and intervention teams therefore will be disbanded for the time being, working in designated bubbles. Intimate care, physio programmes, interventions etc will therefore be able to continue with appropriate PPE being used where necessary.
- Where staff have to teach across bubbles, government guidelines will be adhered to in terms of social distancing.
- Rooms will be arranged so that opportunities for social distancing are maximised. Resources and areas will be cleaned regularly throughout the school day and after school.
- Resources for students to use will be separated and cleaned down after use.
- Pupils should bring in their own stationary in a bag with the name on if possible.
- Classrooms have hand washing facilities, sprays and wipes and tissues.



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- Windows will remain open throughout the school day to aid ventilation. Where appropriate and safe, doors will also remain open. **Please therefore make sure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately, as classrooms may well be cooler than usual, depending on the weather.**
- **There will be no swimming lessons for the first half term**
Swimming lessons will be replaced by a second PE lesson to ensure students are receiving the recommended time for physical exercise in school.

Break / lunch times

- During break and lunch times, pupils will use their allocated areas of the playground / play areas.
- Pupils will need to bring their own snack for break time.
- Pupils will need to bring in their own **labelled** water bottle.
- The school kitchen will be open as usual and providing hot meals.
- Pupils will eat their dinners in their class bases.

General Information

- Pupils are required to wear school uniform. They should wear clean uniform each day.
- Pupils will be required to wash their hands regularly throughout the day. We ask that parents encourage pupils to do this regularly at home so that it becomes embedded.
- Bags are allowed, but pupils should only bring in the essentials: home / school book, stationary (where appropriate), PE kit on the appropriate day, feeds, water bottle etc.
- There will be no whole school assemblies until further notice, but collective worship and certificate presentations will continue in classes.
- Therapists will continue to provide support for our students, but where possible, this will be done remotely rather than by a face to face visit. Where face to face is the only practical way, therapists will book in their sessions beforehand and will wear appropriate PPE.

Keeping the whole school community safe

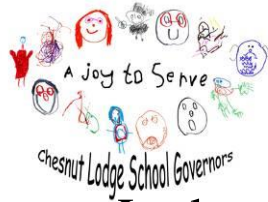
- Parents must inform school if pupils have any symptoms.
- If any member of the household has symptoms, your child must not come in to school for 14 days.
- If a pupil presents with symptoms whilst at school, parents must be readily contactable and able to collect their child straight away. They will be taken to a quarantine room to await collection. **All contact details held by the office must be up to date at all times.**
- **Parents are expected to take their child immediately to be tested and report the results to school as soon as they are received.**

We realise that many pupils will be anxious returning to school and will provide opportunities for additional pastoral and emotional support to help settle pupils back into school and encourage good mental health and well-being.

We will be regularly reviewing measures and systems in place and look forward to working together on the successful implementation of whatever the “new normal” looks like.

Thank you for your continuing support for the school, have a lovely summer break and we look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Yours sincerely



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