



# **The Cedars Primary School**

## **Newsletter**

Thursday 25th February 2021

### **School Reopening in England**

This week the Prime Minister announced that all schools will reopen to all children on Monday 8th March. The Government have decided that schools are safe for pupils and staff and so attendance will be mandatory from the 8th.

We will be expecting all children to return on the 8th March and they will be taught in their usual classes with the same staff as during the Autumn term.

I do understand that some parents and carers will be concerned about the safety of their children when they do return, but I can assure you that we are doing all that we can to plan for a safe full re-opening of the school. Measures that we have either put in to place or are currently planning include:

- Staff being vaccinated
- Staff home testing for Covid-19 at least twice a week
- Staff wearing face masks in communal areas
- Children washing and sanitising hands regularly throughout the day
- Children remaining in their class groups (bubble) wherever possible whilst inside the school building
- Fewer children eating in the main hall at lunchtime
- Increased cleaning across the school
- Limiting the number of visitors on site

If you or your child are concerned about returning to school please contact us, we will be able to help and advise how to get through this difficult time.

In order to stagger how children leave the school at the end of the school day we asking parents who collect in person and taxi escorts to arrive at 2.30pm so that we can ensure that children leave as safely as possible. Children who travel on buses will leave at approximately 2.45pm every day.

### **Reminder**

**Do not send your child in to school** if they, or anyone in your household, has any of the symptoms listed below:

- A high temperature
- A new persistent cough
- A loss or change in your sense of taste or smell

**Do not send your child in to school if anyone in your household is either waiting for a test result or tests positive for Covid-19.**

# Dear Parents,

We are really excited to start welcoming back pupils from 8th March following the recent Government announcement. We wanted to take a moment to let you know what the return to school will look like and what we have put into place to ensure your child is not only kept safe but they are able to enjoy our delicious food and great service.

## Safety is our priority

Our priority for the return to school is the safety of all children, our teaching colleagues and our own teams. The Health and Safety measures introduced at the start of the pandemic such as social distancing and new cleaning COVID-19 procedures will stay in place to keep everyone safe. Please watch our short video to see how we will be re-opening our schools to all pupils [here](#).

## Tasty menus

We are pleased to inform you we will be offering the same tasty and nutritious menu items we had on offer prior to the latest lockdown. Please get in touch with your school to confirm your menu and to order your meals for week commencing the 8th of March.

## Medical diets

Our specialised team of Medical Diet Nutritionists are available to offer menu support for pupils with medical dietary requirements. Please take a look at our Medical Diets video to hear a Chartwells parent talk about their experience using our Medical Diets process [here](#).

If your child requires a Medical Diet menu please ensure that you fill in the Medical Diet Request Form available [here](#) and return this to your school, who can pass this onto us.

For any other queries please email our team at: [Chartwells.medicaldiets@compass-group.co.uk](mailto:Chartwells.medicaldiets@compass-group.co.uk).

## Support

If you have any questions about the return to school, please contact your school who will be more than happy to help.

We look forward to welcoming back your child(ren).

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We can't wait to  
welcome you back  
to school!

