

Friday 5th June 2020

Coronavirus update - School now open for pupils in YN, YR, Y1 and Y6

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you and your family are well.

This week our staff and I have had the great pleasure of welcoming back pupils in YN, YR, Y1, Y6 and our Key worker class. It was fantastic to see so many smiling faces from pupils and parents/carers and to see pupils enjoying learning in school.

If your child is in any of the above year groups and you want your child to return to school, please let the school office admin staff know, or the member of staff who contacts your child at home. We are unable to accept a pupil returning to school until a place has been confirmed by us.

Once your child returns to school they will follow the staggered start and end times for their year group below, to ensure social distancing measures are followed;

Start times: Nursery & Reception 9am, Y1, 9.15am, Y6, 9.30am

End times: Nursery & Reception 3.00pm, Y1 3.15pm, Y6, 3.30pm

The pupils will enter and exit the school using the main entrance as before. Staff will also direct pupils as to what class to line up outside of (each year group are using their existing classrooms as classes).

Pupils in the Nursery are currently only able to attend Wednesdays to Fridays (9am - 3pm) due to limited staffing, and classes consist of a maximum of 15 places. In the Nursery social distancing will also not be enforced as it will be impossible to do so. The pupils have outside breaks and they also use the outdoor space adjacent to the back of their classroom as part of their lunchtime.



Pupils in Reception are in classes of a maximum of 15 pupils and a degree of social distancing does take place. Due to limited staffing the pupils are not currently taught by their usual teacher. The pupils have a morning break and use the outdoor space as part of their lunchtime.

Pupils in Year 1 and Year 6 are in small classes of 15 pupils or fewer, and may be taught by a teacher who is not their current class teacher. Social distancing measures mean that they will have their own class and individual resources that are shared with other pupils. Year 1 and 6 children are given a morning break in a designated space in the playground that is not shared by other pupils and is supervised by staff working in their new class.

Pupils will wash their hands on arrival at their classroom and will wash their hands at regular times throughout the day. They will also use hand sanitiser throughout the day and wash their hands before leaving school. We have also developed routines to ensure children understand when and how to wash their hands, making sure they wash them thoroughly for at least 20 seconds using running water and soap and dry them thoroughly.

We have also implemented an enhanced cleaning schedule across the school, ensuring surfaces touched by children and staff are cleaned regularly and throughout the day, including table tops, door handles and resources used.

Lunch is eaten in the classrooms. As part of their lunchtime the pupils in Y1 and Y6 also have a supervised break in a designated space in the playground that is not shared by other pupils, and is supervised by staff working in their new class.

If your child has special educational needs, or is part of the DSB or has medical needs, and you have agreed for them to return to school, please contact Alison Ingram SENCo on 0207-364-1022 to discuss the provision if needed.



School uniform is still expected to be worn by pupils, but if parents/carers want their child to wear non-uniform clothing, it is fine for them to do so. P.E. kit will be required on a regular basis and your child's class teacher will inform you of the day your child will have PE. It is recommended that when pupils arrive at home, they should shower or bathe and their clothes be washed.

Water fountains in school are currently not used, please therefore, ensure your child brings in a water bottle each day. We will arrange for the water bottle to be taken home every day, and it will need to be washed and returned, full, the following day. Air conditioning systems are also not used in school until clear and credible guidance is provided as to their safe use. Pupil books or other resources will not be taken to and from home/school.

If your child shows any sign of potential coronavirus symptoms on arrival at the school gate or classroom, they will not be admitted and you will be strongly encouraged to take your child to a Covid-testing centre. Your child will not be able to return to school until either a negative test result has been received or a period of time has elapsed as stipulated by current Government guidance. If your child becomes ill during the school day their temperature will be checked and they will be placed in isolation with close adult supervision and support if they are distressed. You will be contacted immediately and you must come and collect them from school as quickly as possible. If their symptoms fall into the category of Covid symptoms, you will be strongly encouraged to take them to the testing centre and they will not be able to return to school until a negative test result has been received.

For all the pupils not returning to school home learning still continues. Online learning tasks via Google classroom continue to be set and monitored by teachers working remotely. Pupils who require additional or differentiated learning materials will continue to receive them and phone calls to the pupils at home will be maintained.



Currently I am unable to say whether we will be able to accept children into other year groups but this situation will be reviewed following the latest government guidance.

These are unprecedented times and I appreciate that this is again challenging for pupils as well as for you all. If you have any concerns regarding supporting your child who is not in school please contact the school on 0207-364-1022 or via email info@cullodenacademy.org

We will continue to provide as much information as we can, as soon as we can, via our website, text message and Twitter.

Thank you once again for your support in these unprecedented times and I wish you and your family well.

Yours sincerely,

Ben Carter

Principal