



Uffculme Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have all had a good summer and are now looking forward to all the children returning to school on Monday 7th September 2020.

Obviously as the school re-starts there will be some changes from our 'normal' way of operating. Whilst we will never be able to guarantee a completely risk-free environment (indeed no school, work place or institution can ever do this), we have worked hard to ensure that all the appropriate systems are in place so that you can send your children into school with a real sense of confidence and that the school will remain 'Covid secure'. We will be building on the practice that has already successfully been in place since June 2020 with our partial opening to EYFS, Year 6 and the key worker children.

Uffculme Academy Trust has issued a general statement which identifies the safety measures that will be in place, which is now on our website, but we wanted to highlight one or two things in readiness for September that are contextually specific for Uffculme Primary School.

- We intend to teach an ambitious, broad and balanced curriculum in the full range of all subjects from the start of the Autumn term
- Classes will be contained within their own bubbles and kept apart from each other wherever possible
- The children, where possible, will sit at tables, facing the teacher, not placed into groups
- Hot school meals will re-commence from Willand kitchen – please check Parent Pay as the Autumn term menu is now available and meals can be ordered
- The children will all be expected to wear school uniform
- Children in KS2 to please wear their PE kit to school on days when PE is timetabled- Years 5 and 6 will need to wear their PE kit to school on Monday 7th September
- One parent from each Key Stage 1/EYFS family will be allowed to come onto the playground to accompany their child and a one-way system will be in place. All other parents, will not be encouraged to come onto the school site or gather at the gates
- Parents will only be allowed into the school building with a pre-planned appointment
- All visitors to the school must wear a face covering whilst on site and wash their hands on arrival.
- The children will be expected to adhere to the adapted rules for Covid by staying 'Covid-smart and staying apart'
- After school clubs will be considered for starting after half term where possible

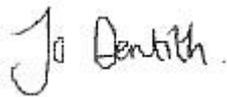
- School book bags will be required for all children in EYFS to Year 5 and rucksacks are only allowed for Year 6
- As a school, we will be engaging with the NHS Test and Trace process
- Enhanced cleaning arrangements will continue for hand washing for everyone and frequently touched surfaces
- Contact in corridors will be minimised
- There will be no parents' evenings or open sessions in school for the first half of the term but alternative arrangements will be made
- Staggered entry and exit times will still be in place with the following arrangements:

| | Entry/exit point | Exit | Start | Finish |
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| EYFS | Main playground area by the benches that line the playground | | 9:00am | 15:20pm |
| Year 1 | Sloped path area to the main playground (alongside the Green) | At the steps by the back of the hall | 8:50am | 15:10pm |
| Year 2 | Main playground area alongside the MUGA | | 8:50am | 15:10pm |
| Year 3 | Main office entrance | | 9:00am | 15:30pm |
| Year 4 | Year 4 Classroom Back door exit | | 9:00am | 15:30pm |
| Year 5 | Year 4 Classroom Back door exit | | 8:50am | 15:20pm |
| Year 6 | Year 6 Classroom Back door exit | | 8:50am | 15:20pm |

Whilst we appreciate that the staggered times will cause some difficulties for families with more than one child, please bear with us as they are a requirement that has been stipulated by the DfE. On the first day back, all staff will be very clearly visible to direct you where you need to be. We will accommodate, wherever we can, arrangements for drop-offs and collection for families with children in different year groups.

We are very much looking forward to seeing all the children in September and working with you over the next academic year.

Kind regards,



Jo Dentith
Headteacher