



Cabot Primary School



Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that your children have had a good summer holiday.

I am writing to clarify the arrangements for the start of school this term, We have followed the Department for Education's guidance and Local Authority advice to develop our safe opening School Risk Assessment. This can be found on our school website.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

<https://www.cabot.bristol.sch.uk/covid-19/school-updates/>

### Attendance

On advice from the government, schools closed to most pupils on 20<sup>th</sup> March and partially re-opened on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020. We are now ready to welcome back ALL pupils from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020, provided they are fit and well. If your child or anyone in your household displays symptoms of Covid 19, (a new and persistent cough or a high temperature, a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)), please **DO NOT** send them to school. You must follow the current 'stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection', which sets out that they should self-isolate for at least 10 days and should arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19).

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-for-coronavirus/ask-for-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

Bristol now has its own walk in test centre at the Victoria Rooms on St Paul's Road. (Netham as well) When you call the test centre you might be able to book a test here or arrange for a home testing kit to be delivered.

<https://news.bristol.gov.uk/news/bristol-city-centres-first-covid-19-testing-site-open>

### Bubbles

We will run all year groups as separate 'Bubbles' which will mean classes will not mix with each other. This includes lunchtimes and playtimes. Some staff may work across up to two classes but no more. Each class will have up to 30 pupils in. Pupils will not be socially distanced within the bubbles, but they should not come into contact with other pupils from other bubbles.

### Hygiene

We are asking children to wash their hands more frequently. Sometimes we will ask them to use hand sanitiser rather than soap and water. We will also ask children to avoid sharing equipment where possible. Please do not send children to school with bags and equipment.

### Arrival and Collection

To ease congestion at the school gates, arrival and collection times will be staggered for different families. You will be sent an arrival time for your family. Please arrive at this time and wait to be greeted by a member of the Senior Leadership Team. Your children will be admitted to school but parents and carers will need to say goodbye at the gate. You will also be given a specific collection time for your family. Please come to school at the time you are given. You will be greeted by a member of school staff who will allow parents and carers to come on to the school premises at staggered times. You will be able to follow a one way system through the school to collect your children from their classes. Please look at for the markings around the school that will show you where to go. Once you have collected your children you will need to continue on the one way system and leave the school by the Studio exit. There will be staff to help guide you through the school. Although not compulsory, you may wish to wear a face covering at these times.

### Face coverings

The current advice is that children who are 11 or under do not need to wear face coverings. If your child wears one to school, they will need to remove it safely (without touching the part the covers the mouth and nose) when they arrive

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at school and keep it in a sealed plastic bag until home time. Disposable masks should only be used once and disposed of safely after use.



### Communication with school

You will not be able to enter classes or speak to teachers at the start or end of the day. Day to day communications will have to be carried out over the telephone or via the Year group email.

### Suspected cases of Covid 19

If your child shows symptoms of Covid 19 whilst at school we will call you immediately so you can come and take your child home. It is very important we have your most up to date contact details so we can contact you. When you collect your child, we will advise you of the guidance to follow for suspected cases which includes your child and household self-isolating and arranging a test for your child. (Please see above under **Attendance** for further details). Please inform us of the results of the test immediately. If a test is positive we will need to inform staff and pupils who have been in contact with the child so they too can self-isolate and get tested.

### Breakfast club and after school club

These clubs will not run for term 1. We are hopeful that we will be able to start them again once conditions allow.

### PE

We will continue to provide PE lessons. Children may wear their PE kits to school on PE days to prevent them needing to bring additional equipment to school.

### Lunches

Please see separate update on School lunches, Uniform purchase, PE kit purchase etc.

### Recovery curriculum

Over the first term we will be implementing a Recovery Curriculum. This will focus on children's well-being. We want to enable children to share their experiences of the past months as well as gradually reintroducing learning behaviours. Alongside this we will be identifying any gaps in key skills and knowledge and addressing them as well as sharing and celebrating new skills we have gained during our home-learning. In addition, we will be explicitly teaching the children how to keep themselves safe, using good hygiene and our new school routines to keep them safe in this uncertain time.

This has been a very unusual time for all of us. I am really looking forward to seeing you all again and working with your support to help your children have the opportunity to have the best education possible delivered in the safest way. If you have any questions about our plans, please call the office to arrange a time to speak to me.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Burton  
Head Teacher