



# Durweston CE VA Primary School

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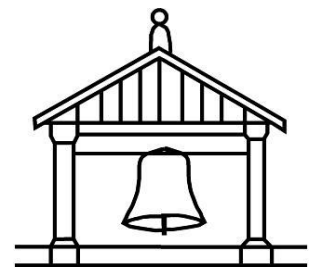
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26<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to be welcoming all of our children back on the 8<sup>th</sup> March. However, we are aware that the pandemic is not over and that we still need to ensure the safety of everyone in our community.

To this end, from the 8<sup>th</sup> March, we would like to stagger both the beginning and the end of the school day. This will help prevent groups of people having to be on site at the same time. We would also now ask that the adult collecting from school wears a mask.

**Please could just 1 parent pick up and drop off. Please could you wear a mask. Thank you. If you are early, please wait in your car. Please observe the 1-way system on the pavement outside of school.**

	Drop off	Pick up Monday to Thursday	Friday
Porpoises and Sharks	0850 – village hall; children walk up to bottom gate	1510 – village hall; children will be walked over to you	1500 – village hall
Seahorses and Dolphins	0900 – Dolphins gate. Please observe the one-way	1520 Field – please observe the one-way system	1500 – from the field; please observe the one-way system
Starfish	0910 – Starfish entrance. Please observe the one-way system	1530 Starfish gate – please observe the one-way system	1500 - Starfish gate
Handy Paws	0900 - Handy Paws entrance – please feel free to walk down and wait on the bottom playground		

The bus will still be collecting at 3.30pm, so bus children will be supervised in school until we can escort them to the bus.





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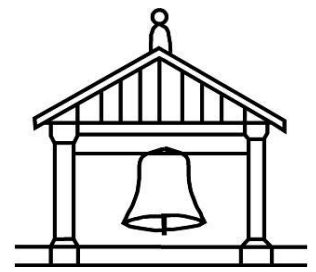
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During the day, we will still be keeping the children in bubbles as we were from September. The children were brilliant at the whole handwashing routine and making sure they kept apart. All staff have been tested twice weekly for a few weeks now and this will continue. However, we will still try to avoid members of staff crossing bubbles wherever possible.

As we think that getting up and getting dressed on the first day might be difficult, we would like to suggest that on the first Monday back the children wear their pyjamas to school (perhaps with a £1 donation to the PTA?). Just pyjamas please, no slippers! The children will need to have proper shoes and a jumper to keep them warm (yes, we are still keeping all of the doors and windows open).

We have also planned for a gentle re-introduction to the curriculum with Forest School and trips to the farm. We will need to be finding out where the children are, but we also want them to have a chance to enjoy being back in school with their friends again.

I am attaching a list of what I hope will be the most frequently asked questions but if there is anything else you need to know please just ask. You know where I am.

Very best wishes,

*Nicola Brooke*

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## FAQs Durweston School Re-re-opening Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### 1. Do I have to send my school?

Yes, the government have said that attendance is mandatory from the 8<sup>th</sup> March

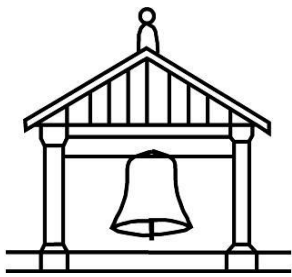
### 2. I have children in different bubbles, when do I drop off and pick up?

Please try to keep to the drop off and pick-up times as specified.

### 3. How will social distancing be maintained?

All children will be kept in the discrete groups (bubbles) as they were from September, with the same staff working with the same children in the same classrooms. Each group has their own toilets. In the older classes, children will keep to the same desk and have their own equipment. This is not possible in Handy Paws, Starfish and Dolphins. Frequently used equipment will be regularly cleaned in all classrooms.





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## 4. What will the rules be around handwashing and toileting?

Every classroom has its own sink, soap and paper towels. Children must wash their hands as soon as they enter school and regular handwashing will be encouraged and emphasised throughout the day, especially just before lunch, after playtimes, after going to the toilet, and at the end of the day. Each class will be assigned its own set of toilets. Children will only be able to go to the toilet one at a time. Toilets will be cleaned regularly throughout the day.

## 5. How will playtimes work?

Playtimes will be with the children in their bubble. Playground use will be rotated weekly by class. There will be minimum interaction with other staff and children. We will encourage the children to maintain social distancing and play games that allow them to stay apart.

## 6. How will lunchtimes work?

We do not have enough staff to provide hot school lunches until after Easter. Local Food Links can provide packed lunches for those who want them. **Please order online by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March at the very latest.**

## 7. What if I need to talk to the teacher or Mrs Brooke?

Parents are not allowed on the school premises unless we need a meeting for a specific purpose. The school office will be closed. All communications to the school office, teaching staff and Mrs Brooke can be made through email and telephone. It is imperative that we have up-to-date telephone numbers for you on which you can be contacted during the day, in the event that your child falls ill.

## 8. What should my child wear to school?

Children can wear school uniform or their PE kit. They will not change their clothes whilst in school. The expectation is that uniforms and PE kits will be washed daily to minimise the risk of infection to others. The children may wear trainers into school.

## 9. What should my child bring to school?

- Lunch box
- Water bottle
- Coat as appropriate
- Reading book and reading record

## 10. Can my child bring in toys?

No, unfortunately to minimise the risk of infection, no cuddly toys or items from home may be brought into school.





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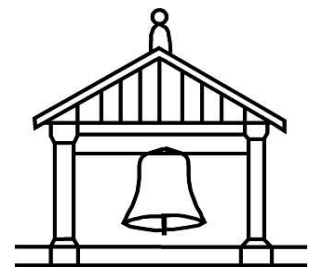
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## 11. Does my child need to bring in their home exercise books?

Yes please! We are really looking forward to seeing all the work they have been doing at home. Please could their English, Maths and Maths workbook plus any odd sheets of paper be put in a plastic bag and hung on their peg when they return to school.

## 12. Will my child be able to change their reading books?

Yes. This will be organised by each teacher.

## 13. Can my child bring in their own hand sanitizer?

Yes. Please make sure it is named. We will put it somewhere your child can access it easily but whether they use it or not will be up to them.

## 14. What are the First Aid arrangements at school?

It won't really change. Every class has its own first aid box and log book. The staff in each group will administer first aid to the children in that group. Any child who may be showing signs of COVID-19 will be sent home immediately.

## 15. What should I do if my child is unwell?

Please listen and talk carefully to your child. If you think they or any of the members of your family are showing signs of COVID-19, please keep your child off school and book a test. We have tests at school that we can give out.

## 16. What are the cleaning arrangements for the school?

All classes will be issued with cleaning products. Each class will be cleaned thoroughly every day. All resources used will be cleaned or wiped down every day with detergent.

## 17. Are Breakfast Club and After-School Club still running?

Yes they are. Please let the office know if you would like to book your child in.

## 18. I have another question.

Please email me on [nbrooke@durweston.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:nbrooke@durweston.dorset.sch.uk)

## 19. You're doing it all wrong! I have a much better suggestion.

Please email me on [nbrooke@durweston.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:nbrooke@durweston.dorset.sch.uk) ☺ (I reserve the right to disagree.)

