

Fierté Multi Academy Trust



Ankermoor Primary Academy

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Headteacher: Mr Simon Russell

Dear Parents/Carers, 15th July 2020

Re: Full school opening for all pupils in September

As you may be aware, the government recently released guidance for schools with regards to a <u>full opening to all pupils in September</u>. I can now share with you our plans to ensure that we meet all of the requirements to keep your children safe and minimise the risk of the transference of COVID-19. These requirements are different to normal school expectations but it is essential we follow these for the safety of pupils, staff and parents – this is essential.

The main principle of the guidance is children being in their own class 'bubbles' that do not have any contact or mix with the other class bubbles. If a confirmed case of COVID-19 is found within one bubble, then it will be that bubble and that bubble only that has to go into isolation for 14 days.

Staggered drop off and pick up times

For September, we have no choice but to continue to implement a staggered drop off and collection to adhere to the guidance for all schools. Drop off and collection times are now within a smaller window as this has been quite disruptive to the children's learning, particularly for the older children, as they have been collected before a lesson has actually ended. Therefore, for brothers and sisters in the same family, you will need to <u>drop off at the earliest time</u> and <u>pick up at the latest time</u>. This will ensure we are not disrupting the learning in classes across the school.

Class	Drop	Collect	Additional info
Nursery	9.00am	3.00pm	Use pedestrian gate to drop off and collect.
Reception	8.50am	3.10pm	Use pedestrian gate to drop off and collect.
Year 1	8.50am	3.10pm	Enter and leave through office. Stay
			distanced from Year 2 on arrival and exit.
Year 2	8.50am	3.10pm	Enter and exit via main gates at staggered
Year 3	8.55am	3.15pm	times.
Year 4	8.55am	3.15pm	
Year 5	9.00am	3.20pm	
Year 6	9.00am	3.20pm	

Break Times and lunch times

All pupils will have a morning break and these will be in different sections of the playground to ensure that 'bubbles' do not mix.

At lunchtime, all meals will be pre-ordered by the children in the morning. Children will eat in the hall in a socially distanced space and will have an assigned lunch supervisor. Money must be sent in for a dinner in a sealed envelope. The child can either give it to the teacher directly or the parent can give it directly to the staff member on the entrance gate.



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Breakfast club and extra-curricular activities

Breakfast club will run from September and will start at 7.30am. Children will enter via the pedestrian gate and must bring money in a sealed envelope. They will be sat at their class bubble tables and will be served their breakfast. There will be no self-service or wandering around. They will then be sent to their bubble class at 8.50am. You must book your required days for breakfast club the week before. Children cannot just turn up in the morning.

No extra-curricular activities will take place until further notice. We are disappointed at this but we need to stay safe at all times.

Other key changes needed for September led by the guidance

- Pupils will wear full school uniform.
- On PE days, we will ask pupils to come to school in their PE kit. There are a number of reasons: for the little ones it is due to the close contact needed to help them get changed. For the older ones, it is due to space limitations to separate boys and girls when changing. No class will have PE during the first week; we will issue the PE timetable at the start of term.
- We are asking those that are able to, to <u>bring in their own pencil case</u> and stationery to reduce the need for sharing equipment. If this is not possible, we will allocate children their own equipment in a pencil case.
- Reading books can now be sent home but this is restricted to just being shared by one class bubble.
- Children may sit side by side but **must face the front of the classroom** (with the exception of Early Years and Year 1).
- Schools have flexibility to adapt their curriculum in order to address any 'catch up' required as a consequence of the COVID-19 situation but must ensure the curriculum is broad and ambitious.
- We will not close half a day on a Wednesday and will be open for the full week.

You will receive the following documents with your child's report:

- A parent protocol to ensure there is an understanding of expectation at this time.
- A Covid flowchart in case we get a suspected case.

The Risk assessment will be uploaded onto the website: https://www.ankermoor.org/

We very much look forward to welcoming you all back in September and know your children will be very excited about the return.

If you have any further questions, comments or suggestions please do not hesitate to contact me at office@ankermoor.org or 01827 213780.

Take care, stay safe and see you all in September, Mr. Simon Russell, Headteacher



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