

# Cantrell Primary School Newsletter 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021



**SCHOOL RE-OPENING.** Dear parents, we cannot wait to welcome you all back on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March!** We look forward to having everyone back in the building, learning at school. However, due to staffing issues, the Rising Stars will remain closed until Easter. We really appreciate everything you have done at home but are so excited to have a busy, thriving school once again! We are still working under the same premise of bubble groups and will be taking many precautions. These include:

- **No visitors, adults other than staff will be admitted to the site, telephone appointments can be made via the school office if you need to speak to the office team or a teacher/teaching assistant.**
- **Pupils, parents, staff and any visitors, such as suppliers, are informed not to come to school if they are displaying any symptoms of coronavirus.**

## Parent guide:

- **Only one person to drop off or collect from the designated gate, these remain the same as before Christmas.**
- **Please arrive in your allocated time slot, not early or late**
- **Do not congregate to chat, please leave immediately to avoid congestion**
- **Wear a face covering at all times and maintain social distancing**

## Timings:

Please be aware that Year 2 and 5 have swapped to ease congestion at the gate. Please arrive at the allocated time and not before or after, we will aim to get the children in as soon as we can but you may have to queue – please stay 2 metres apart and wear a face covering. Siblings are to **arrive** at the **earliest time** for all of them and **leave** at the **earliest time** – please be patient while we finalise this and get to know the arrangements.

## Bottom (Drive) gate

- **Year 6 arrive 8:40 – 8:50am      Leave 3:05 – 3:10pm**
- **Year 2 arrive 8:50 – 9:00am      Leave 3:10 – 3:20pm \* *please note new times***
- **Year 5 arrive 9:00 – 9:10am      Leave 3:20 – 3:30pm \* *please note new times***

## Main gate

- **Year 4 arrive 8:30 – 8:45am      Leave 3:00 – 3:10pm**
- **Year 3 arrive 8:50 – 9:00am      Leave 3:10 – 3:20pm**
- **Year 1 arrive 9:00 – 9:10am      Leave 3:20 – 3:30pm**

## EYFS gate

- **RA/RB arrive 8:45am      Leave 3:00pm**
- **Nursery 30 hours children arrive 9:00am      Leave 3:00pm**
- **Morning nursery arrive 9:00am      Leave 11:00am**
- **Afternoon nursery arrive 1:00pm      Leave 3:00pm**
- **Rising stars - closed**

**If you are bringing siblings, they should all arrive at the earliest child's time, and will go to class early. A staff member will look after them until class begins. The same applies for collecting siblings, please arrive at the earliest time and leave promptly.**

## Uniform

We understand that some of your child's uniform may not fit and need replacing. If this is the case Morrisons, Tesco and Asda all have uniform – but it is going fast! Asda also have 20% off. We also appreciate that you may not want to head to a busy supermarket unless for essentials. Therefore, whilst we expect children back in

uniform on Monday we also respect that some of you will need time over the next few weeks to get that sorted. So please do not worry, send them in what you have. Having the children back with us is far more important!

### Lateral Flow tests

From March 1<sup>st</sup>, if you are a member of a household with a school-aged child you can get a twice-weekly test at a local test site or by collecting a home test kit from a test site. Use this link for more information:

[https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_source=5eb3a371-39ca-45b2-9e00-ccb7c409a85a&utm\\_content=immediately](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=5eb3a371-39ca-45b2-9e00-ccb7c409a85a&utm_content=immediately)

**BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS.** These will re-open **for working parents only** at present. Timings are 7:30am - 8:45am and 3:00pm – 5:30pm respectively. **Advance booking is essential.** Please email days required to [admin@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cantrell.nottingham.sch.uk), this also applies to parents of children who attended during lockdown. We will then confirm your child's place. Can we remind parents who bring children to Breakfast Club to wait at the gate with their child until collected by a member of staff. Please do not leave your child unattended and please do not turn up on the day as places are limited.

**P.E. LESSONS.** Current safety guidelines mean that children will not be changing clothes in school. Children in classes RA/RB will be introduced to PE after they have settled back in, so will not need their PE kit yet. On the following days, **please ensure your child wears their P.E. kit to school**, which they will remain in all day:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 1	Year 2	Year 3 Year 4	Year 6 Year 1 & Forest School	Year 5 Daily Mile

Children in Year 5 will also be doing the daily mile so trainers needed every day please as before. Children in Year 1 also have Forest school on Thursday afternoons, so please send children to school in PE kit with wellies and warmer jumpers and coats for the afternoon.

**SCHOOL MEALS.** We will continue with the current menu, starting at week 1. New menu from 15<sup>th</sup> March, details to follow next week.

**ATTENDANCE.** Parents are reminded, where necessary, of their duty to secure their child's regular attendance at school (unless they have symptoms, are a close contact of someone who has symptoms/tested positive or are shielding) and that the school has the ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct. May we also remind parents that leave/holiday during term time can only be authorised in *exceptional circumstances*. All applications for a leave of absence must be made on a form available from the school office or website. Our attendance policy states:

- Only a maximum of 5 days will be authorised by the school in exceptional circumstances;
- Family holidays, cheap holidays, birthday celebrations, family events will not be authorised;
- Penalty notices will be issued and the Local Authority may fine parents.

**AGE APPROPRIATE APPS & GAMES ON DEVICES.** As more children have access to mobile phones, laptops etc., please ensure their use is supervised and they do not access material that is not suitable for children.

**WORLD BOOK DAY THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH.** As not all children were in school for the official World Book Day on 4<sup>th</sup> March, all children can celebrate together on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March**. Your child can dress up as their favourite story book character for the day - this can be as simple or as creative as you like! Please do not feel like you need to go out and buy something new, there are lots of characters that just wear normal clothes e.g. Matilda or Charlie from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We will be spending the day doing book related activities and celebrating our love of reading! Please see the following link for a £1 book token [https://www.worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/booktoken\\_PrimaryUK.pdf](https://www.worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/booktoken_PrimaryUK.pdf).