



Crayke C of E Primary School

'TRY YOUR BEST IN EVERYTHING YOU DO'

Respect Friendship Forgiveness Determination

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am immensely grateful to all the staff team who have embraced the new challenges faced with returning to a more normal working pattern, in very abnormal circumstances. They have donned gloves and aprons to clean toilets, sinks and high touch areas throughout the day, in addition to teaching and supporting children in bubbles, whilst simultaneously continuing to provide home learning for children not in school. They have also been faced with their own challenges of organising childcare for their own children, or for some of the older children, are now in position where they have to leave them at home all day to trust them to focus on their own home learning. We are also grateful for the ongoing support from you all as parents – from cakes to gazebos and many offers of help in between. Thank you!

Children – illness

Now that we have an increased number of children in school, it is inevitable that they will start to come down with the usual bugs, colds and coughs, in spite of our best endeavours to adhere to social distancing and strict cleaning regime whilst they are in school.

We have a clear procedure to follow in the event of children displaying ANY of the symptoms of Covid-19 – these are either a new cough and/or a high temperature and/or a change in smell or taste. Should your child present with any one, or more, of these symptoms, they are asked to self-isolate and you will need to book them a test as soon as possible. This can be done by accessing the NHS or gov.uk website, or by phoning 119.

Your child will not be allowed to return to school until the outcome of the test is known and evidence has been provided to school to confirm the tests is negative. This can be done by forwarding the email confirmation or sending a screenshot of the text message. If the test results are positive, then anyone who has been in contact with that child will be asked to self-isolate for 14 days. This would inevitably mean that the children, and staff, within that bubble would not be able to attend school for this period. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

New starters – Reception 2020

Watch out for a comprehensive pack of information on its way to you by post including details about ordering school uniform and the routines and expectations for your child starting school in September. We realise that this does not replace the new starters' meeting that we would have loved to have had this month but hopefully it will provide you with answers to questions you may have.

Keyworker children – booking system

Our Keyworker children bubble is growing and it has now become essential that places are booked in this group in advance. For children already accessing the keyworker provision no immediate changes are needed. For parents requesting a place in the keyworker bubble from now on, or for parents who would like to make changes to the days their child/ren are attending, we would request that you inform us in writing **no later than Wednesday at 12pm each week** to let us know your requirements for the following week. Any requests received after Wednesday at 12pm may not be

able to be accommodated for the following week. Mrs Rayner is now catering for a wider range of age and ability groups and needs time to be able to plan and prepare in advance.

We are also in a position where we may need to prioritise children's attendance from within this bubble. So far, we have been able to accommodate every request, for every pupil, for every day they have required provision. We may need to make some amendments to this given the increasing numbers and appreciate your co-operation with this. Furthermore, for any children wanting to return to school to the keyworker bubble from next week, we will require evidence to confirm your keyworker status. This can be in the form of a letter from your employer. Again, we are grateful for your support.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 currently not attending school

Should you change your mind and wish your child to return to school over the coming weeks, we would respectfully ask for at least 24 hours' notice to enable us to make the necessary preparations for their arrival. Please note that the Year 1 bubble is now at capacity and should any more Year 1 children wish to return to school before the summer holidays, they would need to join the Reception bubble, provided that there is sufficient space in there.

Children in Years 2 – 5

Further to my update earlier in the week in relation to children in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5, as explained, our difficulty lies in the capacity we have in terms of both physical space and in staffing. The guidance has asked us to prioritise children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 and so that is what we must do and to only allow children in other years if we have the capacity to do so, which, at the moment, with the social distancing regulations still in place, we unfortunately do not. We will continue to review the situation on an ongoing basis and will keep you updated. We remain committed to providing some time during the last week of term for pupils to return to school in small groups.

Home Learning Years 2 - 5

We have had a couple of enquiries about how to provide more structured learning opportunities for children in the year groups not eligible to return to school at this time. Following consultation with the staff and the Chair of Governors, we have made the decision to order a set of CGP home learning books for ALL pupils in Years 2 -5. Details can be found here: <https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/all/home-learning-bundles>

This is a considerable investment by the school and it has been done on the basis that we will expect pupils to complete daily tasks set by their teachers. You will be able to review the work completed by the children; answers are included within the booklets.

Most children will have the books ordered for their year group; a minority of pupils will have a set ordered for an alternative year group at the discretion of their class teacher.

We will contact you once the books have arrived to arrange a suitable time for you to collect your child/ren's book bundles from the school entrance.

Home learning – weekly topics

We thought it would be useful for you to know in advance which weekly topics are upcoming for the remainder of this half term, so have summarised them as follows to help with your forward planning:

Week	Week Commencing	Topic
3	15 th June 2020	The Rainforest
4	22 nd June 2020	Famous and Significant People
5	29 th June 2020	Around the World
6	6 th July 2020	Music
7	13 th July 2020	Space

Highlights of the Week

This week **Reception** have been very busy working together to build their own 'house'. We held a timed show jumping competition where rosettes were awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place. Those who decided that show jumping was not for them, designed and made some amazing stables for the horses to recuperate in after competing. We have decorated shields and taken part in jousting competitions on horseback. We enjoyed holding a tea party where we ate lots of cake whilst also doing a bit of bird watching.

Year 1 have enjoyed the start of our plant topic. We have completed observational drawings of plants in the school's garden area.

It has been lovely to be back together with the **Year 6** pupils in Class 4. We have created a great display called 'Lockdown Looper' exploring our rollercoasters of emotions around our time in lockdown. See if you can spot us on the rollercoaster!



This week the **Keyworker class** have done a mixture of creative projects such as sketching flowers and making miniature story books (take a look at the British Library website for amazing ideas!) along with Maths and English lessons.

Staffing

We continue to make our best endeavours to ensure consistency of adults within each of the bubbles in school. Our planned staffing next week is therefore as follows:

	Reception 9:30am – 2:45pm (NB: Wed – 12:15pm)	Year 1 9:15am – 3:00pm (NB: Wed – 12:30pm)	Year 6 9:00am – 3:15pm (NB: Wed – 12:45pm)	Keyworkers 8:45am – 3:30pm
Monday 15th	Mrs Helfferich & Mrs Hetherington	Mrs Dobson & Mrs Walsh	Mrs Jackson & Mrs Shirley	Mrs Rayner & Mrs Pegram
Tuesday 16th	Mrs Helfferich & Mrs Hetherington	Mrs Dobson & Mrs Walsh	Mrs Chandler & Mrs Shirley	Mrs Rayner & Mrs Pegram
Wednesday 17th	Mrs Helfferich & Mrs Hetherington	Mrs Jackson & Mrs Walsh	Mrs Chandler & Mrs Shirley	Mrs Rayner & Mrs Bramall
Thursday 18th	Mrs Helfferich & Mrs Hetherington	Mrs Dobson & Mrs Walsh	Mrs Chandler & Mrs Shirley	Mr Montgomery & Mrs Bramall
Friday 19th	Mrs Helfferich & Mrs Hetherington	Mrs Dobson & Mrs Walsh	Mrs Chandler & Mrs Shirley	Mr Montgomery & Mrs Bramall

A reminder that there may be some occasions when due to unavoidable circumstances, children in some bubbles may be unable to attend school. We would always strive to provide as much notice of this as possible and we will notify you via the school website.

Key Stage 1 Fruit Scheme - Update

We have made arrangements with North Yorkshire County Caterers to order fruit snacks for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. School are funding these snacks as the government are not. There is a variety of options on offer each day.

School Lunches

A reminder of the sandwich choices for next week:

Monday – sausage or egg

Tuesday – ham or cheese

Wednesday – chicken or tuna

Thursday – ham or cheese

Friday – chicken or tuna

Alongside the sandwich, there is a cold savoury snack, vegetable sticks, a piece of fruit, a cake/traybake and a carton of juice.

School Bus

Just a reminder to all those parents whose children use the school bus, that you need to register on a weekly basis with NYCC to advise them of your requirements for the following week. The bus will arrive at school at 9am in a morning and leave school at 3.15pm on an afternoon. Should you need any additional information about this, please contact Mrs Bacon.

Thanks for your ongoing support in these strange times.

Have an enjoyable, socially distanced weekend,

Judi Jackson

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Where's Church this week?

As church buildings are still closed and worship is happening at home instead, please join me at <http://bylandchurches.net/> to find weekly worship and other bits from time to time.

As mentioned previously, an increasing number of our church groups are moving onto meeting on Zoom. Please get in touch if you would like more details. I can also send you the weekly notice sheet and the monthly church magazine by email. If you normally get a paper copy and haven't received it, please let me know.

If there is anything that Church can help you with, please do get in touch. I have contact with people in each village so can arrange practical help or people to chat to.

Email revliz@trundlebug.co.uk or telephone 07388 510894 or 01347 822809

Best wishes

Revd Liz