

CROMWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

CROMWELL LEARNING COMMUNITY MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

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Dear Parent / Carers,

We hope you have all been able to enjoy the summer break despite it coming after a long period of enforced closure. 'Lockdown' saw teachers and leaders working hard to provide home learning opportunities and I know that many of you rose to the challenge of home schooling to ensure that our pupils, your children, continued to make progress. I hope though, it also gave you some time to reconnect as a family, to cook and eat together, read together and generally enjoy each other's company in a way that is not always possible with such busy lives.

As part of the wider re-opening in June, we welcomed children back into Yr.6, Yr.1, Reception and Nursery as well as our keyworker groups. This was very successful in that we were able to maintain social distancing and allay fears but, also enable the children to engage with their learning and enjoy working alongside their peers once again.

We now look forward to opening the gates to all our children on Wednesday 2nd September 2020. All parents were notified of new classes and their respective class teachers, and transition videos were uploaded to Class Dojo. We hope you have taken the time to have a look.

During the closure of our school, our deep clean continued and was completed to a very high standard thanks to our dedicated team of staff. On our return, this will be ongoing, with additional cleaning on both a daily and a weekly basis. This is just part of our preparations of course, as we adjust to a new 'normal' in light of Covid-19.

Classrooms have been set up so desks are forward facing and year groups will be maintained in their individual 'bubbles' throughout the school day (including break and lunchtimes), minimising the number of children mixing with one another. This will also call for identified drop off / collection points at slightly different times of the day so that we can maintain social distancing as much as possible (**please see table below**). While we understand that staggered start and end times, alongside the use of specific entrances, will prove challenging for parents with children in more than one year group, the measures are necessary to keep everyone as safe as possible. Can you please ensure that older siblings go to the correct area / pupil entrance, independent of adult support. In line with this, most year groups' **parents/carers will be asked to drop their child/children at the school gates, where staff will be waiting to take responsibility for them.** This is intended to reduce footfall on the playground. The intention is the same at the other end of the day. When collecting pupils, only one parent/carer will be allowed on site, in order to ensure social distancing. To avoid any possibility of cross contamination, we also ask that all parent / carers follow the safety procedures and leave the site immediately after dropping or collecting their child. *Please note that if parents of pupils in Yrs. 5 and 6 living in close proximity to the school, wish their child to walk home on their own, parents must provide the school with written permission. Similarly, they must instil in them the importance of social distancing and keeping themselves safe when walking home.*



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Within school, the children will follow regular hand washing routines, have the opportunity to talk about their lockdown experience in order to support their mental well-being, and pick up a 'recovery curriculum' that will enable them to access lost learning. All children will have their own personal resources – stationery, books etc. – with home learning tasks being completed on line, via Class Dojo, as much as possible. Equipment going between home and school will then be limited to essentials such as lunchboxes and coats.

While there will be no whole school assemblies at this point, they will take place via a virtual platform. Year groups will then contribute to celebrations and commemorations in line with our usual school year to develop their knowledge and share the experience of harvest, remembrance, black history and Christmas, to name just a few. Similarly, we will present our parent expectations meetings that are a part of the autumn term, in much the same way.

On their return, the children will be expected to wear school uniform, except for days when they have P.E sessions. There will initially, be no P.E kits in school so in response to timetabled P.E lessons, they will be allowed to come into school wearing appropriate clothing and footwear for non-contact sports sessions.

The most up to date Government guidance focuses on children aged 12 or over wearing a face mask in school. We hope this will not become necessary in our own school, but understand that some of you will travel to school on public transport or private hire cars, and consequently families may arrive wearing their face masks. There will be facilities for their disposal on arrival or they may place re-usable face coverings in a plastic bag for safe keeping.

Staff will not wear PPE as standard but, should any child develop symptoms in school they will be attended to by a senior leader who will be fully equipped, and support the child in our isolation room until collected by their parent/carer who will be expected to attend immediately, once contacted.

Until guidance allows us to do so, we will unfortunately be unable to offer before or after school clubs, including the daily Breakfast Club. In the same way, we cannot run the school minibus and transport pupils between the two sites, as has been done previously. We have contacted all families involved and advised them of the need to re-arrange travel arrangements in the interim period.

Despite this, all parents are expected to ensure their child/children return to school in September, with the Government stating that education is again **mandatory**. Any unauthorised absences will be followed up immediately and passed on to the local authority where appropriate. If your child is absent through illness, parents should notify the school in the normal way. If your child has the symptoms of coronavirus, (persistent cough, fever, loss of smell) please do not send them to school and seek a coronavirus test immediately. **If any pupil receives a positive coronavirus test, the school must be informed immediately. Failure to do so would put all members of our community at risk.**

It is important that routines and procedures, particularly for the beginning and end of the school day, are followed as detailed below. Strictly adhering to these guidelines will enable us to keep year groups in their respective 'bubbles' and help to keep you and your families safe. It is however, **imperative that all children arrive on time in the correct area** and we ask for your full support, throughout what is still a very challenging time for all of us.

We do not wish to disrupt our children's education any further than it has been, and by working together we can, we hope, start to look to the future.

Please ensure you stay safe and well. We cannot wait to see you all again very soon!

Yours sincerely,

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Drop off and collection arrangement times for Autumn Term 2020

<u>Bubble</u>	<u>Start/drop off time</u>	<u>End/pick up time</u>	<u>Entrance/exit gate</u>	<u>School access gate:</u>	<u>Class lining up point</u>
Reception CT: Miss Ashraf	9.00am	3.00pm (Mon – Thurs) 12.15pm (Friday)	Cromwell Street	Reception playground gate	Reception playground Zone 1
Yr.1 CT: Miss Virdee	8.45am	3.15pm (Mon – Thurs) 12.30pm (Friday)	Cromwell Street	Reception playground gate	Reception playground zone 1
Yr.2 CT: Miss Stephens	9.00am	3.30pm (Mon – Thurs) 12.30pm (Friday)	Cromwell Street	Main playground double gates	By football cage Zone 2
Yr.3 CT: Mrs Ahmed	8.45am	3.15pm (Mon – Thurs) 12.25pm (Friday)	Cromwell Street	Garden gate	By Y6 shelter Zone 2
Yr.4 CT: Mr Scott	8.45am	3.15pm (Mon – Thurs) 12.20pm (Friday)	Cromwell Street	Main playground double gates	By Y4 Corridor Zone 2
Yr.5 CT: Miss Prosser	9am	3.30pm (Mon – Thurs) 12.35pm (Friday)	Rupert Street	Football cage gate	By football cage Zone 3
Yr.6 CT: Miss Harris Mrs Fatima	8.40am	3.00pm (Mon – Thurs) 12.15pm (Friday)	Cromwell Street	Garden Gate	By Y6 shelter Zone 2

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