



Cringleford CE VA Primary School

Spring Term 2020-2021

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Dear Parents / Carers

We are really looking forward to all the children returning next week. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of you once again for supporting the last stage (hopefully!) of remote education and the key role you have played during the latest lockdown.

Attached to this email is a revised version of the guidance notes we issued last September. As you will see, the majority of the systems we had in place at the end of the autumn term remain the same e.g **all the year group drop off and pick up times remain as they were.**

All our infection controls still remain and it is vital that these are strictly followed. Amongst many other measures, this means that classrooms will be well-ventilated, children will be kept in consistent bubbles and hand hygiene procedures will be followed by everyone. As previously, we continue to follow advice from the government, the Local Authority and Public Health England.

The revised guidance notes are quite long but **they really do need to be read in some detail**, particularly if your child has not been in school at all since the first day of the spring term.

I would not suggest that you print the document due to its length and I have uploaded a copy onto the school website (home page – Covid-19 Information green tab on left hand side), where you will also find a copy of the drop off / pick up timetable and the numbers on the lines in the car parks:

<https://www.cringleford.norfolk.sch.uk/september-arrangements/>

Also included in the guidance notes are details of **how adults in families can obtain lateral flow tests.**

I have also attached what I found was a useful sheet entitled, **'8 reasons to feel reassured'** which was circulated recently by a publishing company.

I personally think there are many reasons to feel optimistic about all the children returning, with the successful roll-out of the vaccine and the fact that we have, to date, had relatively few cases among the school community. However, it is also vitally important that we still remain vigilant whilst the virus is still circulating.

The impact of bubbles closing is considerable and we all want to make sure that the children's education can move forward without interruptions.

We are all aware that children (and parents / carers) will feel differently about returning to school. Whilst some may feel very positive and excited, there will be some who feel worried or anxious and this is a totally normal reaction.

We will all do our very best to reassure the children when they return, but we would also like to give you the opportunity to tell us if your child has any particular worries that we should be aware of in advance of Monday March 8th.

We have devised a short and totally **optional questionnaire** for you to complete by **Friday 5th March at noon** asking about any worries, but also about some of the lockdown remote learning. The questions are as follows, so you can make up your mind if you would like to complete it:

- What particular strengths did your child demonstrate during lockdown?
- Where there any aspects of school work which your child struggled with during lockdown?
- Did your child show signs of anxiety during lockdown / time off school?
- Has your child got any particular concerns or worries about coming back to school?
- Have there been any significant changes to circumstances (family or otherwise) which the school should be aware of which might be impacting on your child's well-being? e.g bereavement / redundancy

Please click here to access the questionnaire: [Back to school questionnaire link](#)

One of our key focus areas for the next three weeks will be to establish routines again for the children and re-emphasise the key behaviours for learning: creativity, resilience, collaboration etc. We will also be providing additional time for children to be able to discuss any concerns or worries they might have, but also focusing on engaging them in learning as whole classes again.

Based on our observations of how the children returned in September after a long period away from school, I am confident that by the end of the first week back the children will have settled back into school routines really well.

Finally, some of you will not have driven around the school recently. Please be aware that there are now clear 20 m.p.h. limit signs along Dragonfly Lane. Please also remember to park sensibly and be aware of everyone's safety next week.

Please can we remind you that school lunches are to be paid for in advance through WisePay. There are a number of accounts that have balances outstanding to be paid from last term. Please check your account and pay outstanding balances/top up as necessary. There will be a new Norse menu issued after Easter.

The school office remains closed to all but essential visitors. Only one visitor may enter the lobby at any one time to maintain social distancing. Please call 01603 454946 from the wooden gate with queries before physically entering the school office. All items for the school day should be brought in with your child at the start of the day as office staff cannot enter bubbles with forgotten items. Please adhere to the drop off & pick up times stated to avoid late arrival/pick up to enable us to maintain social distancing within school.

Foodbank Friday

The school will be linking up with Cringleford Hub to try and support our local Foodbank. Starting on Friday March 5th, each Friday up to the end of term will be a Foodbank Friday. Just outside the school will be a labelled collection box or container for donations. At the end of the school day all donations will be taken to the local Foodbank. The most needed items are the following:

Cereal	Soup
Pasta	Rice
Tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce	Lentils, beans and pulses
Tinned meat	Tinned vegetables
Tea/coffee	Tinned fruit
Biscuits	UHT milk
Fruit juice	

Yours sincerely,

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