



COLD HARBOUR
C of E Primary School

GROWING, LEARNING, ACHIEVING TOGETHER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome back to all our families - I hope everyone managed to enjoy some family time away from computer screens last week and stayed well and healthy. It's so lovely to start this half term with warmer weather, longer days and with spring bulbs making their appearance.

The other most welcoming news was the announcement that schools will reopen to all pupils on **8th March**. We are busy planning and organising how we will welcome our children back into school as safely as we can but one thing is for sure, we cannot wait to see them!

Attendance

From 8th March, school attendance will be mandatory and our usual rules on attendance will apply. Any absences must be reported to the school office by telephone 01908 270377 Opt 1 or by the ParentMailPMX absence button. It is vital that all children are accounted for.

As a reminder, your child should self-isolate and not come to school if they:

- Have coronavirus symptoms or have tested positive
- Live with someone who has symptoms or have tested positive
- Are a close contact of someone who has tested positive

In line with the latest government guidance, pupils who are **clinically extremely vulnerable should not attend school**. You will need to provide us with your child's shielding letter if this is the case. If your child is in this group, they should continue to learn from home until further notice.

For pupils who are self-isolating or shielding, we will continue to provide home learning in line with our school policy, which you can find on our website.

Start/finish times

When the children return on the 8th March, please note the following start and finish times – you will receive confirmation of your family's times via ParentMailPMX on Monday 1st March at 3.00pm.

Reception = 8.30am - 2.50pm

Years 1 & 2 = 8.30am - 2.50pm

Years 3 & 4 = 8.40am - 3.00pm

Years 5 & 6 = 8.50am - 3.10pm

To support our families, siblings can be dropped off with the earliest child and picked up from school with the latest child. Our Early Birds breakfast club will be open from 8.00am for those who need to use it. We can offer a 50% discount if requested, for those children who are in receipt of Pupil Premium funding. If you would like to book a place, please contact Breakfast Club on breakfastclub@coldharbour.milton-keynes.sch.uk who will be happy to assist you.

Night Owls will continue to run until 5.30pm. If you wish to book a place please contact the Night Owls team on nightowls@coldharbour.milton-keynes.sch.uk

Please remember safe social distancing and avoid gathering at the school gate. We request that all adults wear a face covering when entering the school grounds please. Coming onto the school site without an appointment is not allowed for the time being.

Safety

By now, our children are very aware of the systems and routines we have in school to keep everyone safe. We will continue to operate as we did in the Autumn Term where children will be taught in bubbles and will not be allowed to



mix with other bubbles at break and lunchtimes. Rigorous hygiene practises will be enforced. Staff will wear masks in corridors and some staff members will wear visors in the classrooms. In line with government guidance, there is no need for primary children to wear masks. If anything changes with regards to these arrangements, we will of course let you know.

Covid-19 testing

Please could you continue to advise the school if you or any of your household members have a Covid-19 test at any time. We should be informed of every test as we are monitoring instances within our school community. These are especially important now as all children will soon be returning to school. These results are stored securely and are used for statistical purposes. Please send your NHS results to us at office@coldharbour.milton-keynes.sch.uk Thank you for your continued support.

School lunches

Hot meals or cold choices will be available for the return to school on 8th March on [ParentPay.com](https://www.parentpay.com), so if you wish to order, please note **the deadline for orders is by 2.00pm Tuesday 2nd March at the latest**. We will not be able to provide any lunches to children who have not ordered, as we cannot hold any food items on site due to Coronavirus restrictions.

School Lottery

We would like to introduce and welcome you to the Cold Harbour C of E School lottery. This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children!

It's a fantastic way to bring Parents, Carers, Teachers and the wider community together, in partnership with our school, and at the same time give something back. We hope to raise additional funds to enhance the children's reading by expanding the school library 'the journey of a lifetime starts with the turning of a page'.

Please visit our school website for further details at <https://www.coldharbourschool.org.uk/school-lottery/>



Your support is greatly appreciated and we wish you good luck!

Friday 'Headteachers Challenge'

As we approach nearly a year of most unusual times, I thought it would be great to remember the period where the pupils of Cold Harbour have all been superstars and so for this week's Head Teacher Challenge, I've asked the children to create a document for Cold Harbour pupils to dig up in 50 years. They can do whatever they like to describe their memories and experience of lockdown or anything else that has happened to them this year.

It should be no more than one A4 piece of paper. It can be a drawing, a poem, a story, a collage or anything else that they would like to do. You may even choose to write or type a guide to lockdown for staff or children to find in the year 2070! When the children return to school, they can hand it in. We will try and digitise all of the work to share with parents. The works will all be collected and placed in a time capsule and will be buried on school grounds at the appropriate time.

So we can share the work, please do not put any names on the front.

If you are happy to do so, please put your child's name or initials and age on the back of the paper. This is only so there can be some connection if the time capsule is dug up in years to come. Please also mark on the back if you do NOT wish for the work to be placed in the time capsule. It would be great if we can get a contribution from every child.

And finally, lockdown has been a challenging period for all of us, and we'd like to thank you for your continuing support during this difficult and uncertain time. If you or your child have any concerns about returning to school, or if you think your child might need extra support when they return, please get in touch with your child's class teacher.

Have a lovely weekend.

Claire.