



# Selside Endowed Church of England School

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## **School opening - 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2021**

Dear Parents,

From the 8<sup>th</sup> March attendance at school is mandatory. All the staff are really looking forward to seeing all children back in school. We will still provide home learning for any pupils who need to learn from home if self-isolating. We are returning to autumn term risk assessments, so will be **operating as a whole school bubble** but working within classes where possible.

We will continue to work hard to stay safe in school. Children will wash their hands on entry to the building and at set points during the day. We will encourage them to 'Catch it, Bin it, kill it' when they need to sneeze or cough or into the crook of their elbow. We are doing enhanced cleaning in high usage areas like door handles, toilets and surfaces. We will ventilate occupied spaces within school. We will still encourage our KS2 children to think of giving their friends space and maximise distance whenever possible. KS2 children will continue to sit in rows. Adults are expected to social distance and minimise the amount of time they spend in close contact with the children. We will be expecting parents to social distance from each other whilst on the school site and wear a face covering. Staff will continue to engage in asymptomatic testing twice a week.

### **Arrangements in school**

#### **Uniform and PE kit**

The children should return to school in full school uniform. This should be clean but there is no requirement to wash it daily. **Wednesdays is our PE day**. Children should come to school in their PE kit (we suggest joggers and a hoodie/fleece over shorts and T shirt.) They should wear their school shoes as normal and bring in their trainers and some dry socks to change into.

#### **School meals**

School dinners will be available as normal by booking meals on Lunchshop. Please remember that all parents need to order, even if your child has free school meals. Children can bring in their normal lunchboxes -i.e. not disposable ones. Each child should have their own water bottle in school.

#### **Book bags & Outdoor learning bags**

Pupils should only bring essential items to school such as a coat, book bag or school bag. Reading books will go home as normal but will be quarantined for 72 hours before being sent home to a different family. Please can all children have their outdoor learning clothes in school; wellies, waterproofs & warm layers- hat, gloves, socks

#### **Arrival at school and departure**

In order to minimise social contact in the playground, we will continue with the system that we have had in place this term with KS2 using the side door and Early Years/KS1 using the classroom door. Parents can drop off at the classroom doors from between **8.30 and 9.00** where staff will be waiting

to meet you. We now please ask that **parents wear masks on the school premises** and continue to remember to social distance. At 3.20 each class will come out to the meet parent in the small field.

#### **After School Club and before school care**

After school club will be available from March the 8th. We are also able to look after children from 8.15am each morning in the Zen Den. There is no charge for the morning care. Afterschool club will run in the bottom classroom until 5.30pm. Please book a place with Laura Mackenzie.

The **school buses** will be running as normal.

If you need to contact school, please email [admin@selside.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@selside.cumbria.sch.uk) or call us. Unfortunately we still cannot allow parents into the school building at the present time.

I have attached a home-school agreement which we sent out in September to remind you how we will work with you to keep the children safe and simple key messages for the children. It doesn't need signing and returning its just for your information.

#### **World Book Week**

Instead of having World Book Day on 4<sup>th</sup> March, we thought it would be nice to have a whole World book week in school starting from the 8<sup>th</sup> March. This will be a fun and creative return to school which will allow the children time to play and talk with their friends, establish rules and routines and will provide time and space to readjust to adjust to being back in school. There will be stories round the campfire, wild reading, and sharing stories and artwork with their friends. On Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> of March, everyone can get dressed up as their favourite book character.

#### **GT7 Sports Club**

For any children in Class 2 who are currently signed up to Sports Club with GT7 on a Wednesday after school, Sports club will resume outdoors from Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of March from 3.20pm until 4.20pm. If any parents wish to sign their child up to the remaining sessions who didn't attend already in the autumn term, please let Laura Mackenzie know on [admin@selside.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@selside.cumbria.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely,

*June Lowther*

Acting Headteacher

#### **Dates for your diary:**

**10<sup>th</sup> March** – Class 2 Sports Club (3.20pm-4.20pm)

**11<sup>th</sup> March** - Dressing up as your favourite book character for our own World Book Day and also a Usborne Book Fair. Children will make a wish list to bring home.

**17<sup>th</sup> March** – Class 2 Sports Club (3.20pm-4.20pm)

**19<sup>th</sup> March** - Red Nose Day (We will let the children decide what they would like to do and we shall keep you informed).

**24<sup>th</sup> March** – Class 2 Sports Club (3.20pm-4.20pm)

**26<sup>th</sup> March** - break up for Easter at 1.30 (No after school club)