

*Our vision: Creative learning, personal achievement and happiness.
Enabling everyone to flourish and to live life in all its fullness.*

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Dear Parent / Carer,

RE: Shankhill reopening plans and Home Learning

I hope this letter finds you safe, well and happy.

We are very happy to inform you that we have completed Phase One of our three step reopening process. After completing the risk assessments and staff induction / training, we are ready to reopen for children in the order outlined by the Government, in priority order:

- Children who are vulnerable;
- Children of Critical Workers;
- Children within Year 6, Year 1, Reception or Nursery
- Children in Year 2, 3, 4 or 5 – we are waiting for guidance from the Government and Local Authority about when these children can return.

The plans for the next two weeks are outlined below but are subject to change - schools have had 45 changes in guidance from the Department of Education to contend with in the last two weeks! At all times we will be reviewing the advice from the Government, data in Cumbria and reviewing the risks. Therefore, we will update you by Wednesday each week to let you know about the details for the next school week.

Phase 2 – week commencing 8th June 2020:

1. Open for children of Critical Workers and those who are vulnerable – Monday – Thursday, 9:00am – 3:00pm.
2. We will continue to provide home learning and support for families at home;
3. We will provide home learning tasks for children who attend school.
4. Review all Risk Assessments, plans and routines to ensure we have social distancing, health and safety and other procedures correct and running smoothly;
5. Inform parents of our updated plan for reopening, including an offer for places following the Government's order of priority:- Children from the following year groups: Year 6, Year 1, Reception and Nursery;
6. Parents of children of Critical Workers, vulnerable children, Year 6, Year 1 and Reception will confirm places by completing our google booking form by Thursday.
7. School will confirm individual arrive and collection times and supply our home/school agreement and safety information leaflet by Friday.

Phase 3 – week commencing 15th June 2020:

1. Open school for the next group of children – Year 6, Year 1, Reception and Nursery;
2. We will continue to provide home learning and support for families at home;
3. We will provide home learning tasks for children who attend school;
4. Review all Risk Assessments, plans and routines to ensure we have social distancing, health and safety and other procedures correct and running smoothly;
5. Inform parents of our updated plan for the week commencing 22nd June;
6. Parents of children of Critical Workers, vulnerable children, Year 6, Year 1 and Reception will confirm places by completing our google booking form by Thursday.
7. School will confirm individual arrival and collection times and supply our home-school agreement/safety information leaflet by Friday.

"This school continues to be good... maintains good quality education... pupils gain a sense of achievement from their lessons... they display excellent attitudes towards their learning... behaviour in lessons and around school is impeccable... Staff are welcoming and inclusive... strong Christian values are promoted well... (results) well above that of other schools nationally" Ofsted 2019

Staff "strive to ensure that pupils are happy, while making education fun and enjoyable." Parent View 2018



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If you have requested provision for next week then you will already have received an email from school. If we have not contacted you and you are a Critical Worker requiring a place for next week, then please contact me ASAP - head@shankhill.cumbria.sch.uk It is vital I have this information promptly to organise staffing appropriately.

For children who are in school next week

Please remember - do not send your child(ren) to school if they or anybody in the household are showing any symptoms of Coronavirus or are unwell in any way.

Everyone will be reminded to wash their hands before leaving home, on arrival at the premises and again before they go home. Hand washing and strict hygiene routines are a vital part of our safety measures. For further detailed information, please read and sign our Home/School agreement and bring this with you on your first day back.

Lunches - Mrs Hope will be providing school lunches and fruit snacks. Please pay for these by the end of the week. Please bring other healthy snacks and a water bottle with you. Please do not send anything that your child cannot open themselves.

What to bring - Children should only bring a waterproof jacket and one small bag to school with them containing their snacks, water bottle, sun hat, sun cream and trainers. They should not bring any books, toys or other equipment from home. You are advised to wipe the bag with anti-viral wipes before coming to school and once your child returns home.

Please make sure you thoroughly apply sun cream to your child before bringing them to school. If this will need to be reapplied during the day, your child must bring their own sun cream and re-apply it themselves.

Uniform - It is our preference for children to wear their uniform so that they feel like they are back in school; however, I appreciate that it is a long time since we were in school and uniform may not fit. If this is the case, then please just send your children in appropriate clothing and footwear.

Arrival and collection - School will be open from 9:00am - 3.00pm and you will be sent individual arrival and collection times to help with social distancing. Please arrive at your time and we will meet you at the school gate. Please make sure that you keep to the 2 metre social distancing guidance when you are dropping off and collecting. Only one parent should bring their child(ren) and where possible other children/siblings will not be present. Parents will not be allowed to enter the school without an appointment. Communication will be maintained via email and phone calls to the main school number.

Preparing for your return to school - There is a child-friendly book about Coronavirus <https://nosycrow.com/blog/released-today-free-information-book-explaining-coronavirus-children-illustrated-gruffalo-illustrator-axel-scheffler/>. You may like to share this with your child and explain to them that school will be slightly different. Initially, we will be working and playing in the school hall and outside as often as possible. Due to social distancing, children will not be able to play and interact with friends in the usual way. It is important that the children understand how important it is to try to remain 2 metres away from others (including staff!) and they know how to wash and dry their hands thoroughly - see poster below.

Home Learning

Our aim is to continue to provide home learning as we have been. However, please be aware that response times may take longer than you have been used to and may not be as detailed due to some staff being in school. We will review this as time goes on and adapt where necessary.

Please note that if you have not received an email from me by Sunday evening confirming your child(ren)s place in school next week they will not be able to come. Please do not turn up at school without making a booking.

Please do contact me (or our Governors via the office@shankhill.cumbria.sch.uk) if you have any questions or concerns. I am available over this weekend too, if necessary,

Yours sincerely



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Have you washed your hands?

