

*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 final opening plans and Home Learning**

I hope this letter finds you and all of our school family safe, well and happy.

I am very happy to inform you that we are in the final stages of our reopening process for the summer term. The plans for the final three weeks of the school year are outlined below. I will endeavour to inform you about plans for September as soon as the Government settles on their guidelines for this.

Schools have no choice but to follow the strict guidelines which have been provided by the Government, and as such, we will follow these guidelines and adjust our procedures in line with the regular Government updates. We will aim to maintain the 2 metre social distancing where possible and have appropriate PPE where 1m+ is necessary (e.g. first aid). Here are **the latest guidance on social distancing and urge you to read it** so that everyone is clear about the rules and everyone is trying to interpret them in the same way.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing#:~:text=You%20should%20keep%20two%20metres,a%20private%20vehicle%20where%20possible.>

I am very aware that people have their own understanding of how they are living with these rules; all that I can ask is that you **consider our whole school family when considering if you are social distancing enough**. We do have families and staff in school who are following these rules absolutely to the letter – some of whom have people who are extremely vulnerable in their immediate families and so have to take these additional precautions. **Please be mindful of our entire school family when making your decisions about your family's behaviours as it could affect everyone in school.**

**Final Phase – week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020:**

1. School is welcoming 21 children back to school (4 spaces);
2. There are two Class bubbles: Younger children are in classroom 1 & 2 with Mrs Elwen & Miss Boyd; Older children are in the Hall with Mr Neil; Mrs Batey will oversee and be relief teacher as required.
3. We will continue to provide home learning and support for families at home; We will provide home learning tasks for children who attend school;
4. All Risk Assessments, plans and routines are reviewed to ensure we have social distancing, health and safety and other procedures correct and running smoothly;
5. School closes for the end of the school year on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> July.
6. The Autumn Term begins again on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

**New** Information for children who are in school

**Please remember - do not send your child 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** (attached) and bring this with you on your first day back.

**Arrival and collection**

Younger Children (N-Y1) – ARRIVE 9:00 – 9:10AM and COLLECT 2:50 – 3:00pm

Older children (Y2-Y6) – ARRIVE 8:45 – 8:55am and COLLECT 3:00 – 3:10pm

*"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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Please arrive at your designated time and we will meet you at the school gate. We are happy for you to wait in your vehicle. 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 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.

### **Lunches**

Mrs Hope will be providing school lunches and fruit snacks. Please pay for these by the end of the week. Please also 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 must bring / should **only bring**:

- a waterproof jacket
- one small bag to school with them containing their snacks, water bottle, sun hat, sun cream and trainers.

**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.

Pupils 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.

On your first day, please can you to return all of your Home Learning Pack? There is no judgement about how much work has been done, just an opportunity for teachers to help further. We will leave these books for 72hrs before handling them.

### **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/trainers. In addition to this, feel free to wear your PE kit or similar on hot days.

### **Preparing for your return to school**

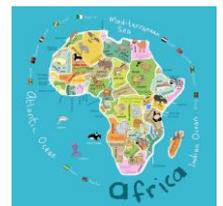
There is a child-friendly book about Coronavirus <https://nosycrow.com/blog/released-today-free-information-book-explaining-coronavirus-children-illustrated-gruffalo-illustrator-axel-scheffler/>. You may like to share this with your child and explain to them that school will be slightly different. We will be working and playing 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. Going through the poster below and reminding your child to open the paper towel to ensure their hands are thoroughly dry will help - see poster below.

### **School Transport**

I will forward details of timings to those who have requested school transport as soon as it is sent to me.

### **Home Learning**

We will 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 staff being in school.



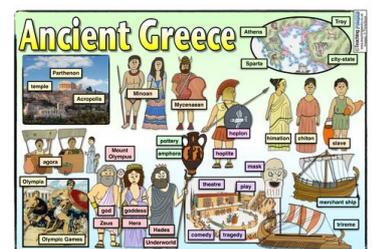
The next two school weeks are TOPIC WEEKS: Class 1 have been learning about Africa and Class 2 have been learning about the Ancient Greeks. As we are unable to hold our usual summer Topic Celebration event where each child would present their project to the whole school, we thought we would hold a virtual event by presenting everyone's work on our website. So each child will have a special space on our website through which they can present their topic project as a photograph, short video or other creative way. To enable time for these projects to be completed, we are using our afternoon learning during weeks 5 and 6 of this half term, although we know some of you have completed lots already. Please can you email your projects to your teacher by Monday 13th July so that we can upload them onto our website that week? We will announce when they are ready to be viewed for our virtual celebration event.

I hope that this provides all of the information you require. Please do contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I am available over this weekend too, if necessary,

Yours sincerely



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Head Teacher



# Have you washed your hands?

