



# Chilwell Croft Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Re-opening of Chilwell Croft Academy for children in Year Reception, 1, 6 and Butterflies (vulnerable group)**

Thank you for your patience as we have begun to put in place clear plans to enable us to start the phased reopening of Chilwell Croft Academy from 8<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you for completing the survey sent out about whether you intend to send your child/ren back. We are aware that parents will have concerns over this process, and we want to ensure we do this in a way that prioritises the health and safety of everyone at all times.

Should the government decide that it is right for schools to reopen this is what we will do (we will confirm this via text on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June):

**Reception, Year 1 children and the Butterflies group (those who have stated they will be in via survey or phone call) will attend from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June. Year 6 will not start back until Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June. We will be having all available staff in on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June to ensure we run through procedures and are aware of how we intend to operate.**

**The school will be closed to all children apart from the Butterflies group on Fridays every week for the site to be deep-cleaned and for staff to continue providing online work.**

1. When your child arrives, they should be escorted through the Summer Lane gates with **one parent** and line up on the 2 metre lines spaced out from the hall corridor. You will then be asked to come in one at a time where a register and temperature will be taken (to ensure you child is well enough to attend). Your child will be taken to their classroom and parents will proceed straight through the hall corridor and out of the main gate – creating a one-way system. Please ensure your child comes in regular school uniform as usual.
2. At the end of the day, the teacher will escort your child to the main playground for collection and the same process will occur. Year 6 pupils are still able to walk home alone if that is their normal arrangement.
3. We will be staggering start/finish times for all year groups. It is essential that you keep to these times in order to maintain social distancing and safety. Please see the table below for when your child will need to be dropped off and collected:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Arrival time</b>	<b>Collection time</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Year Reception</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>2:30pm</b>	<b>Playground</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>2:45pm</b>	<b>Playground</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>8:45am</b>	<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Playground</b>
<b>Butterflies Group</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>3:15pm</b>	<b>Playground</b>

4. Handwashing and hygiene

We have mounted hand sanitizer points in every classroom. Your child will be supported to wash their hands regularly throughout the day. They will need to wash their hands on arrival and when they return home. There will only be one child admitted to use a toilet area at a time.

5. Class sizes will be limited to no more than 10 and desks will be spaced out appropriately. Class teachers will support children to remember social distancing. In the classroom each child will have their own pencil case where they can keep any stationery. We will provide children with any equipment they need. Children will have their own school water bottle which will be cleaned daily.

6. Your child will stay with their small group throughout the day and have a staggered break and lunchtime. The same adults will work with your children each day in the classroom. At this moment, all children will be provided with a free school meal in order to reduce any additional food items coming in to school.

7. We appreciate that children may find socially distancing quite difficult. We will be clear and supportive with them; however, we need you to really emphasise to your children the importance of this. Where we think a child is repeatedly and intentionally not conforming to these procedures, they will be sent home and only re-admitted when we are convinced that they will follow these school rules.

8. We have organised a more rigorous cleaning regime, with cleaning staff on site in the day to ensure ongoing cleaning across the school.

9. At this point we will not be offering breakfast or after school clubs.

10. If your child is clinically extremely vulnerable, or living with someone who is in this group, they should not come back to school and should continue home learning. If your child is clinically vulnerable (list attached) but not clinically extremely vulnerable, you should follow medical advice to decide if they should come back to school. Please refer to government guidance for further details of these groups.
11. If your child, or anyone in the household, is showing symptoms of Covid-19 please make sure they do not come to school and report this immediately to our office.
12. If your child develops symptoms whilst at school, they will be quarantined with a member of staff and you will be contacted immediately.

For families who choose to keep their children at home, we will continue to support you and your child with home learning, and free school meal support for those eligible. **If you change your mind and wish for your child to come in, please call the office and we will notify you of which day they can return. Please be patient with this as we need to ensure all procedures are followed. Please do not turn up at school expecting your child to be admitted if you have not let us know in advance.**

We will formally review the above approaches after two weeks which will include listening to staff and parents about how this initial period has gone.

We are keen to stress that this is not schooling that we are normally used to. Reopening the school with so many new measures to be introduced is a real challenge. Therefore, we would ask that parents bear with us as we re-construct learning in this new environment and trust us to develop this as we proceed. We appreciate any positive or constructive feedback you may have as we wish to work with you to ensure this process is as smooth as possible.

I will write to you again in June to keep you informed of progress and our planning. We thank you for your patience and support, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for all their efforts to get the school ready to have children in again.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

We look forward to welcoming you back soon.

Stay safe and keep positive.

Andy Murphy  
Acting Headteacher

# Clinically vulnerable people

If you have any of the following health conditions, you are clinically vulnerable, meaning you are at higher risk of severe illness from coronavirus. You are advised to stay at home as much as possible and, if you do go out, take particular care to minimise contact with others outside your household.

Clinically vulnerable people are those who are:

- aged 70 or older (regardless of medical conditions)
- under 70 with an underlying health condition listed below (that is, anyone instructed to get a flu jab each year on medical grounds):
- chronic (long-term) mild to moderate respiratory diseases, such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), emphysema or bronchitis
- chronic heart disease, such as heart failure
- chronic kidney disease
- chronic liver disease, such as hepatitis
- chronic neurological conditions, such as Parkinson's disease, motor neurone disease, multiple sclerosis (MS), or cerebral palsy
- diabetes
- a weakened immune system as the result of certain conditions, treatments like chemotherapy, or medicines such as steroid tablets
- being seriously overweight (a body mass index (BMI) of 40 or above)
- pregnant women

As above, there is a further category of people with serious underlying health conditions who are clinically extremely vulnerable, meaning they are at very high risk of severe illness from coronavirus. You, your family and carers should be aware of the guidance on shielding which provides information on how to protect yourself still further should you wish to.