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Return to School Information

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The aim of this guidance is to be open with parents and children, sharing with you all how we are making the school as safe and as happy a place as possible in these challenging times. For us as a school, it is essential that we get the balance between 'safety' and 'happiness' right. We have therefore taken the following steps to ensure the safe return to school for all of our pupils, staff and families and to ensure Uryside School remains open in it's full capacity in the months ahead.

From the outset, we must make clear that we cannot comply with 2 metre social distancing between children or staff in any consistent way, but will try our utmost to maintain this where possible e.g. staff members will not be mixing throughout the school and minimum visitors are permitted to visit our school site. Staff and children will not be wearing masks (in the main), as this could be alarming for the children and not practical to work in all day. This is, of course, dependant on government advice in place at the time when we return to school.

Individual Resources Required by Pupils

As previously detailed on the weekly news, we are asking each child to bring the following as the sharing of resources will need to be kept to an absolute minimum:

Back to school resources Primary pupil:

- Flat type pencil case containing:
- Writing pencils, colouring pencils, rubber, sharpener, ruler, glue stick, colouring pens
- Ear bud headphones
- Hand cream (if skin sensitive)
- Hand soap (if skin sensitive)
- Box/packet of tissues
- Water bottle, named.

Outdoor clothing suitable for all weathers (to be worn by pupils each day or kept in school bags):

- Wellies or waterproof shoes
- Waterproof jacket and trousers
- Suncream

Please name all items including stationary kit.

Back to school resources Nursery pupil:

- Joggers/leggings so children can be comfy and enjoy all activities on offer and to support independent toileting.
- You need to bring a coat each day for outdoor play in the garden and walks.
- A puddle suit and Wellies. (We love outdoor play in all weathers at Uryside Nursery!)
- A pair of indoor shoes- Black gym shoes or equivalent. These need to be Velcro or slip on to support children to be independent.
- A small rucksack with a full change of clothes.
- If you child requires nappy changing, nappies/wipes need to be provided in a box. (shoobox is fine)
- You will need a sunhat or hat/scarf/gloves depending on weather.

Please name all items.

More information regarding these lists is available [here](#).

Equipment

- No book bags are needed. We will not be sending reading books home to begin with as these could pose cross contamination issues.

- No PE kits are needed.
- No toys or extra items that are not needed should be brought into school.
- No money as tuck shop will not be available, pupils will need to bring their own snack.

Clothing

- School uniform should be worn as far as possible.
- Please can we ask that all parents of younger pupils work with their child to be able to dress independently as staff in school will not be able to assist. Please think of fastenings when buying clothes for school – Velcro may be better for shoes and jackets than laces, buckles and zips. Pull on trousers and skirts are easier and jumpers rather than cardigans.

Movement around the school Campus

Each family will be sent the entry window for when your child needs to be in school.

- Each child should enter, and will exit, via their new classroom door. Orientation videos will be sent to families to assist with this prior to the start of school in August.
- Any child late for school, missing their entry window, should report to the school office after 9.30am.
- No parents are allowed on campus (separate P1/P2 guidance will be sent separately)
- The school car park will remain for staff, school transport, facilities management and disabled access only. Uryside staff will remain on site, in the playground area, to help guide pupils to their classrooms and to parents waiting immediately off the campus site.
- Parents should keep their children with them at all times and should not hand any items over to school staff.
- At all times, adults should maintain the 2m social distance guidelines (until this guidance changes).

Administration of medication

Uryside School staff will not be in a position to administer medication unless it is for essential treatments.

- Staff will administer essential medication using PPE and pupils should be prewarned this will need to happen.
- Medications such as Calpol, antihistamine etc would not be classed as essential and parents will need to be prepared to be called to come and administer this should their child require it.
- Any pupil that is unwell should not be sent to school, extra precaution is needed here. Do not send your child to school if they are poorly.
- Any child requiring first aid should also expect staff to wear PPE to administer any treatment.
- Any appointments should be made out with school hours unless it is a hospital appointment and parents should report to the office having previously informed the school of the appointment time.

As previously stated, it remains the absolute priority to continue to ensure Uryside School is a safe place for everyone to return to. In order to achieve this, new precautions and measures need to be implemented to enable this to happen. We really appreciate your support in sharing with your child(ren) what this means. In the lead up to your child's return to school, please share with them that school remains a safe place to return to. There will be changes to the 'normal' school day but these are being implemented to keep everyone safe. Please share with your child the teacher introduction videos, new classroom videos and the changes to the 'normal' routine. We hope these will help to alleviate any anxieties or worries your child may have and these are completely normal at this challenging time. Please reassure them Uryside School, in it's ethos and rationale, remains unchanged; all staff are looking forward to seeing our pupils and families returning safely after our long period of enforced absence.

Yours sincerely,



Kim Dodd

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