



5th March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following government guidance, we are delighted that Kehelland Village School will be reopening to all students on Monday 8th March. We cannot wait to see you all.

Government Guidance:

The government have made it clear that attendance will be mandatory for all students from the start of the new term. This means that all students are expected to come back to school.

We have complied with health and safety law, and put in place proportionate control measures based on the outcomes from a risk assessment we have carried out. Essential measures from the start of the year will include:

- a requirement that people who are ill stay at home
- robust hand and respiratory hygiene
- enhanced cleaning arrangements
- active engagement with NHS Test and Trace

When school starts back, we will be providing a full curriculum for all of our students. We will be operating in two bubbles, one of class 1 pupils and another including all children in class 2 and 3. Pupils can mix within the class, but they will not be able to cross the bubble, for example, at break time and lunchtime.

This will allow children to socialise but is within the limitations of contact. We have thoroughly assessed our site and each bubble will have a dedicated teaching space and toilets, outdoor space for break and lunchtime as well as timetabled access to shared areas such as the computers and library. Each bubble will also have a separate entrance and exit into the school building. Your child's entry and routines will remain the same as the Autumn term with the expectation that this will change for class 2 pupils at Easter when Class 3 and 2 will enter via the same door.

Pupils must attend school in their school uniform, and they should bring their book bag with them. All children should bring their PE kit with them on Monday 8th March. We will keep kits in school each week and return them on Fridays for washing.

Pupils who are having a school lunch will be able to order on the day when they arrive in class. All children should continue to bring a water bottle daily. We will be able to refill these should they run dry. New menus are attached and we will be choosing from Week 1 as from 8th March.

Lunch service will be staggered with bubbles eating at different times. Class 2 and 3 will eat at 12:00 and Class 1 at 12:30pm. Children in class 1 will have access to the free fruit scheme each day for a mid-morning snack.

So that all pupils have their full curriculum within their bubble, we have made some temporary changes to the times of lessons during the school day. However, the start and end times of the school day will remain unchanged. The school will begin at 9.00 am and end at 3 pm for all students.

We are offering a pre-school drop off to support all parents with social distancing in the playground. We have given a guideline time to drop off classes to allow all siblings to enter school at the same time. We would ask parents that if the playground is busy at your drop off time that you take the opportunity to walk around the playground – social distancing or wait in your car – and then drop off when the classroom doors look clearer. This is the same routine as the Autumn term.

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We will be running 'Early Bird Club' breakfast club bubbles from our return, starting back on March the 8th. This will be a pre-booked club and will have two bubbles within it to maintain our risk assessment requirements. Parents may drop pupils attending breakfast club at school from 7:45 am but **not** after 8:30am. Booking for the breakfast club can be made as a block booking for a week or the term via the school office. For one-off and additional days, you may also contact Miss Bev directly via her school email. bbevington@kehelland.cornwall.sch.uk Please note Breakfast club will be term time only and will be subject to closure if staff are included in bubble closure.

We will be running the After School Club in a similar way. Pre-booking will be required, and this can be done via the school office secretary@kehelland.cornwall.sch.uk. There will be a maximum number of attendees from each bubble so please make sure that you make your booking in good time. The club will be based in the hall and will consist of table-top activities to support maintaining the bubbles. Reservations can be made up to 5:00 pm each night and by specific arrangement 5:30pm. Late collection can only be authorised by prior arrangement, as we are required to book more staff to support children from 5 pm onwards. There will be an additional cost to later bookings.

As indicated in the January Newsletters, the arrangements for a snack at the After School Club will remain slightly different with a drink and biscuit offered between 3:00 pm and 3:30 pm to all attendees. It is possible that in better weather, the club will be taken outside and parents should be aware that they might need to walk to the side gate to collect on some evenings.

Within their dedicated bubble, pupils will be taught by a consistent group of staff. Pupils will be given all the school equipment they need and should not bring any items from home. Pupils will be allocated a space to sit within the room and will have all their resources to hand in their chair pack.

Upon entering the school, all students will have to sanitise and then wash their hands. Surfaces will be cleaned by school staff throughout the day and high contact surfaces, such as door handles, will be cleaned more regularly. Hand washing will be mandatory and at regular intervals. A pupil who needs specific handwashing soaps, creams or routines will be supported by the school. Still, we do ask that all soaps, lotions and different sanitisers be provided by home with written instructions for use so school staff can support them. We are aware that some children have run out of their own personal soap and ask that all stocks be replenished on March 8th.

We will be limiting the number of visitors to school so please telephone the school office on 01209 643143 if you wish to speak to a member of staff about your child. We will still use our school reading diary and important messages can be written here and will be signed when read by school staff.

It will be important that if your child has any COVID 19 symptoms, they must remain at home and you will need to follow the Government's 'Stay at Home guidelines: Guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus infection'. We will encourage parents to book a test for their child if they are displaying symptoms. If a pupil shows symptoms at school, we will isolate your child; then we will ask you to collect your child straight away. We will expect all families to follow isolation and test guidance in all incidents where COVID 19 is suspected within a family member.

If the school is notified that someone who has attended school has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), we will contact the local health protection team. The health protection team will carry out a rapid risk assessment to confirm who has been in close contact with the person during the period that they were infectious, and ensure they are asked to self-isolate. This team will also contact us directly if they become aware that someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) attended the school – as identified by NHS Test and Trace. Where a class, group or a small number of pupils need to self-isolate, or there is a local lockdown requiring pupils to remain at home, we will offer remote education. Details of this can be found on the school website. We will be using Seesaw to share work with you from school but also

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as a way for you to share your home learning with us. We will issue a new login detail to all children who need them.

All children can be reassured that the procedures within the school are the same as when they last attended, with a minor change to lunchtimes as given above.

Finally, I would like to say again how exceptionally grateful I am for the support that our community has given to us during this time and throughout this whole academic year. I also want to thank all parents/carers for the help and support that they have given so that so many children have been able to engage in home learning.

See you all on Monday!

Joanna Harvey