

CORINTHIAN COMMUNITY PRIMARY AND DAYCARE



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School re-opening procedures

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Dear Corinthian families,

Since the announcement by the Prime Minister informing that all schools would be open from June 1st, there have been many changes. As you can appreciate, it has been a difficult time because the school heard of this information at the same time as the general public. We have really valued your overwhelming support and patience during this period of uncertainty.

In response to the Government's announcement, our Local Authority has worked extremely hard alongside the various unions and headteacher associations to provide a city-wide approach which was shared with all schools at the end of last week. Over the weekend we received full guidance.

Liverpool Approach:

- As of the 22nd of May all Liverpool Safe Space Hubs will close.
- There will be no school provision during the May half term. (Monday 25th - Friday 29th May)
- As of 1st June schools are to open for child care to their own pupils of Key Workers and Vulnerable Children only, **where other safe child care is not available**. (The definition of key worker remains unchanged).
- Subject to review and where safe to do so, small groups of year 6 pupils may be introduced each week commencing 15th June. (We await further communication from the Local Authority relating to this date).

Corinthian's Plans:

Our school will reopen to the pupils of **Key Workers and Vulnerable children only**, who have previously had access to hubs across the city on **June 1st 2020**. These families have been contacted.

Subject to review and where safe to do so, small groups of year 6 pupils may be introduced each week commencing 15th June. (We await further communication from the Local Authority relating to this date).

- All staff will receive full health and safety training in line with government and local authority guidance.
- Rigorous risk assessments are to be carried out this week by senior leaders. The risk assessments will be on going throughout the summer term. School will adhere to all recommendations to ensure the safety of our children, staff and parents.
- The school office will not be accessible to parents – please communicate via email or telephone: 0151 228 5806 Or corinthian-ao@corinthian.liverpool.sch.uk. These contact points will be staffed, so all communication should pass through these routes.

- The building, although cleaned after closure in March, will have a thorough deep clean during half-term week during the May half-term holiday.
- All areas of the school building will be cleaned daily including door handles, handrails, surfaces etc.
- Children will be arranged into small groups of up to seven in Y1 –6 and in EYFS up to 14 (based on the ability to socially distance appropriately in classroom settings). These small groups will be called 'bubbles'.
- Class sizes will be kept to a maximum of seven children per classroom (two bubbles can fit, whilst being socially distanced, within the EYFS setting).
- If or when numbers increase – the school will ensure that different starting and finishing times along with separate entrances to school are utilised to minimise the contact between different groups of children and adults. At this point will also operate split breaks and lunch times (currently we can zone play areas per bubble).
- At this time there **will not be a wraparound provision** of breakfast or afterschool club.

Daily Routines:

- Staff to arrive, have their temperature checked, undertake clean down of hard surfaces, complete daily risk assessment, resources distributed for the day's learning.
- Children to arrive between 8:45 a.m. – 9:15 am: **only one adult per child to drop off or collect.**
- On arrival we would like to do a quick temperature check for children (using a digital thermometer), can you return consent via the Parent App. If a child has a high temperature, we will ask that you take them home on that day as a precaution.
- Children to be collected between 3pm and 3:20pm.
- Children should wear a fresh set of uniform each day.
- A packed lunch will be provided for children who are entitled to Free School Meals, all other children will need to bring a packed lunch to school in a disposable bag.
- Children will be given a fresh paper cup daily, which they can refill, they do not need to bring a water bottle.
- Please apply sun lotion before your child attends schools. Children can bring sun lotion with them to school, but it needs to be a product that they can apply themselves (we will remind and encourage use throughout the day).

Learning activities in school:

- Children will have access to reading and number activities similar to the online learning resources offered to all pupils at home. A range of enjoyable activities will take place throughout the day using the outdoor spaces on a daily basis.

Home learning for those children not in school

- Home learning will continue in the same form as previously. If you are finding it difficult to access on-line information, please contact the school.

The Local authority have insisted that they will not be pressuring any parents to send their children to school during this term. You know your own children and their personal situation best. The government have also made it clear that they will not be fining parents who choose not to send their child to school during this time.

Whilst we are really looking forward to seeing our children again, their safety and that of our staff, parents and our community will always be our highest priority. Any future decision will always be carefully considered with safety at the forefront of this.

If there is anything at all you would like to ask or raise, please email me on corinthian-ht@corinthian.liverpool.sch.uk.

Thank you as always for your continued support, I realise that this is a difficult time for everyone. I will continue to keep you informed as the situation progresses.

Accessing the school site:

Children in the EYFS bubble will enter the building at the Nursery gate on Florentine Rd, there will be markers to show two meters distance and a one-way system to support social distancing.

Year 1 and 2 Bubble will be situated in Mrs Scriven's Y1 classroom

Year 3 and 4 Bubble will be situated in Mrs Hughes Y2

Year 5 and 6 Bubble will be situated in Mrs William's Y1 classroom.

When entering site there will be a strict one - way system: all parents and children will enter via the Inigo Rd gate, then flow through to their child's classroom using the pathways. After drop off parents will exit the site via the Corinthian Avenue gate. Outside each classroom there will be markers on the floor to support social distancing. We have extended the period that the site is open in the morning and afternoon to accommodate families arriving at different times.

Our Ethos and School Values

In these strange and challenging times we felt that school should have an adapted ethos to support the children with learning to thrive in these very different circumstances. We are going to share and use the 'Swan Approach' in school to help children make those changes in a supported and structured way.

SWAN

S.W.A.N is an approach to opening our school back up to children that we have adopted to use.

S.W.A.N stands for the following:

- S – Safety
- W – Welcoming
- A – All together
- N – Nurturing

SAFETY

- We will provide reassurance to the children that what they are feeling is ok.
- We will create an environment that feels emotionally and physically safe for the children.
- We will provide a level of consistency so that the children know how to keep themselves safe.

WELCOMING

- We will create a welcoming environment with a strong sense of belonging.
- We will establish simple, easy to follow and familiar routines.
- We will create and build connections for the children within their 'bubbles'.

ALL TOGETHER

- To create a sense of being part of a team.
- To create a sense of togetherness between staff, children and their families.
- Re-establish relationships and routines between the children and our staff.

NURTURING

- We will create an environment where all children can thrive.
- We will establish routines to encourage a readiness for learning.

· We will foster an environment that develops a strong sense of togetherness.

We believe that by working together this approach will help the children feel calm and relaxed when returning to school. Our aim is to make our children feel safe and listened to and we believe this approach will help our children feel confident and once again part of our Corinthian family and community.

I hope you and your families remain safe and well.

Yours Sincerely,

Andy Hudson

Headteacher

