



Fishbourne C E Primary School

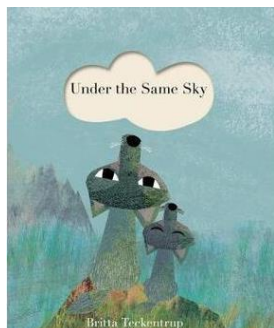
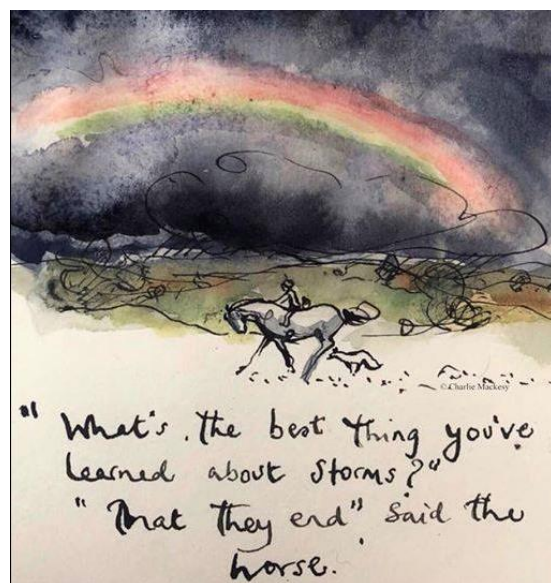
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Dear Families,

We are delighted to be working towards the full opening of our school for all families from Monday 8th March. It will be wonderful to fling open our doors and welcome ALL our little fish back into school.

This storm is not yet over but the end feels as though it may now be in sight and there is hope on the horizon! It is important that we acknowledge that there is still some way to go until our school returns to complete normal but this is a really good step on the way! We will continue to have tight protocols in place to keep our school community as safe as possible so please do make sure you familiarise yourselves with the guidance in the following pages of this letter.



If you haven't tuned into it yet, please do watch a lovely new film we have prepared for your family. You can find it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kPwioiwDA3c&t=129s>

The key message of the story is that wherever we are, we live under the same sky, feel the same love, play the same games and, dream the same dreams. A powerful reminder that despite being apart, we are under the same sky!

We can't wait to see you all again on the 8th March!

If you have any questions or queries relating to the attached guidance, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Naomi Day

The risk assessment will remain as it was in the autumn term and we have attached to this letter some questions and answers that will be very helpful for you to re-read in preparation for Monday 8th March.

How will school feel different?

The children will be grouped in their class bubbles and we will minimise the amount of contact they have between these bubbles. This will mean that we won't have our usual whole school assembly, or communal time

spent having lunch in the hall. Classrooms will be organised to achieve as much distance between the children as we can, but also to maximise the children's access to their learning. One-way systems will be in place in the school building and each class bubble will be allocated a set of toilets that they will use during the day and during breaktimes. The school field will be zoned so that the children will play only with children in their class bubbles and there will be staggered playtimes. Children will eat lunch in their classrooms. Those having hot lunches will collect their meal from the hall and return with it to the classroom.

What hygiene measures will be in place?

Children will be asked to wash their hands immediately on arrival at school and at other key times during the school day. We will be promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach to hygiene and there will be plenty of tissues and bins available in school. Desks will be wiped down regularly and classroom bins emptied each lunchtime.

What will drop off and pickup be like?

There will continue to be staggered drop off and pick up times for families attending school. The plan for this busy part of the school day has been designed to try to ensure we keep contact between families to an absolute minimum. **It's really important that you continue to follow these protocols, especially in relation to arriving at your allotted times.** This part of the day is normally a busy, sociable and happy one for our school family and so initially, it will feel very strange indeed to behave in this way. We are aiming for this to be as efficient as possible, with parents spending the minimum amount of time needed dropping and collecting their children at school.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO WEAR A FACE COVERING WHEN ON THE PATHWAYS AROUND SCHOOL.

The Roman Palace car park will NOT be open and we ask families to walk or cycle to school if they can. Please refer to the final page of this letter which goes through a step by step guide to the beginning and end of the school day.

Who will be teaching our children?

	Teacher	LSA
Crocodiles	<i>Mrs Harris (Mon-Thurs) Mrs Allen (Fri)</i>	<i>Mrs Whitaker Mrs Huxtable</i>
Hippos	<i>Mrs Allen (Mon & Tues) Mrs Goodman (Wed-Fri)</i>	<i>Mrs Gregory Mrs Carter (am only)</i>
Elephants	<i>Miss Axelsen</i>	<i>Mrs Ball</i>
Penguins	<i>Mrs Williams</i>	<i>Miss Taylor Mrs Harvey</i>
Koalas	<i>Mrs Rinaldi (Mon-Wed lunchtime) Mrs Treagust (Wed lunchtime- Fri)</i>	<i>Mrs Mitten Mrs Akehurst</i>
Panthers	<i>Mrs Woolnough</i>	<i>Mrs Brown Mrs Dumitriu - every morning + Tue and Thu pm</i>
Tigers	<i>Mrs Buchan (Mon-Thu) Mr Servant and Curtis (Fri)</i>	<i>Mrs Oldfield (am only)</i>

Mr Servant and Mrs Gifford will continue to provide PPA cover in school for children in year groups 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. These members of staff also work in other local schools and we will be working closely in partnership with them to ensure that there are specific protocols that will be put in place to ensure that stringent social distancing is in place, maintaining 3 metres distance from all children at all times. For this reason, those LSA's present in these sessions will take on any closer contact needed with the children.

Are staff using Lateral Flow Tests?

Yes! Up to one in three people who test positive for the virus have it with no symptoms and are spreading the virus unknowingly. As a result, the Department for Education has introduced asymptomatic testing for all staff working in schools. These tests will be carried out twice a week so that any members of staff who may be carrying the virus can be identified and asked to isolate in order to control the spread of the virus.

Our staff will be asked to test using a Lateral Flow Test on a Sunday afternoon and a Wednesday afternoon. Any staff who receive a positive result will be required to self-isolate as will their household and any close contacts until they have taken a PCR test to confirm the result.

This clearly has the potential to impact on our families. We advise that you will need to have short-notice childcare options in place in the event that you receive a message stating that your child's bubble has closed. We have chosen to do these tests on a Sunday and Wednesday afternoon to allow us to give you the maximum amount of notice and would hope to inform you during the early evening should this be the case. I understand that this is yet another challenge in an already difficult situation for us all but I sincerely hope that this development will help to identify positive cases more quickly and break any possible chains of transmission.

Will there be wrap around care?

We are really pleased to let you know that CC's will continue to provide wrap-around care for those families who need it. However, there will be no other before or after school clubs during the rest of the spring term, this will be reviewed in time for the summer term.

How will the curriculum be different?

We will continue to teach an exciting, ambitious and broad curriculum covering all areas of learning. We are aware we will need to modify the curriculum to ensure we address gaps in learning and this is something that is part of our regular classroom practice.

Will I have contact with the class teachers or office?

Parents must not enter the playground gates or school building at all. Any correspondence with members of staff will take place via the telephone or email. We are aware that this will feel very different to our usual approach and we want to be clear that we hugely value working in partnership with each and every family who make up our school community.

Will my child have to wear uniform?

Yes please! This will help them to feel a sense of belonging.

What should my child bring to school?

The children may now bring some items to and from school - including PE kits, home reading books and book bags. Please do not bring toys or anything that is not necessary.

Please also provide your child with a named pencil case to use this term. This will be kept in school until further notice. If you can stock it with a set of colouring pens or colouring pencils for them to use, this will greatly help our resourcing. If this causes a problem for you, please do let us know as soon as possible.

Those children in Reception and Year 1 will be asked to wear their PE kit to school on the days they have PE - we will let you know which days this will be via parentmail.

What are the arrangements for lunchtime?

Children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 will still be able to have their free hot lunch. Children in Key Stage 2 will also be able to have a hot lunch but these will need to be ordered in the usual way via the Chartwells website. They will no longer be free to children in Key Stage 2.

Playtimes and lunchtimes will be staggered to give the children ample time to eat and enjoy relaxed time together. The playground and field will be zoned to prevent bubbles from mixing together.

In what circumstances should my child not come to school?

* If you or any member of your household has coronavirus symptoms, you should not attend school under any circumstances.

*If you have been asked to self-isolate by either the school or through the Test, Track and Isolate Government Guidance.

What happens in the event of a child in school becoming poorly with Covid 19 at school?

* If your child becomes poorly in school with coronavirus symptoms, they will be taken to our Aquarium room which will be used as an isolation space.

*We will phone you immediately and ask you to come and pick your child up from school. You will then be

expected to self-isolate for 10 days and adhere to the Test, Track and Isolate Government Guidance.

*The member of staff caring for them may use PPE.

* All children attending Fishbourne Primary, and members of your household, will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus and we **expect** you to get tested in this scenario and adhere to the Test, Track and Isolate Government Guidance.

What happens if my child gets sent home poorly?

*We will request that if your child is displaying symptoms you book a test. Staff and pupils must not come into the school if they have symptoms, and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school. All children can be tested, including children under 5, but children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their parents/carers if using a home testing kit

*You will be asked to provide details of anyone you have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace

*You will be expected to self-isolate if you have been in close contact with someone who develops coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)

Do I have to send my child back to school?

Yes! The Secretary for Education, Gavin Williamson, has made it clear that school attendance will be mandatory. This means from March 8th the usual rules on school attendance will apply and you will have a duty to ensure that your child attends regularly at school. If you are concerned though, please don't hesitate to get in touch and share your concerns so that we can support you.

How will my child access learning if they are not able to come to school?

The weekly learning letters will come to an end and from the 8th March our teaching team will return to planning for face to face learning in our classrooms. We will expect all families to be back at school.

Thank you for taking the time to read this important letter. We have been so encouraged by the support shown to our school by you all over the last few months. After Easter we will return to our monthly newsletter and look forward to giving you lots of exciting news then.

With all our thanks,

Naomi Day



Protocol for dropping off and picking up children from school

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- 1) Only one parent to come on the school run. Please ensure you are wearing a face covering.
- 2) Families have been allocated a specific arrival time 8.40 and 9.00am:

8.40 - 8.45am	8.45 - 8.50am	8.50 - 8.55am	8.55-9.00am
Children of key workers	Surnames A - I	Surnames J- R	Surnames S - Z

- 3) We will operate a one-way system whereby:
 - Families enter through the pedestrian gate, maintaining social distancing at all times, using the fish on the pavement as a guide.
 - Parents will accompany their children to their key stage playground gate.
 - Parents then leave through the vehicle gate closest to the Roman Palace, crossing the road and leaving Roman Way on the far side of the pavement to avoid congestion with those families queueing to come into school.
- 4) Families should not congregate in groups socially before or after school. It is essential that all families are respectful of the request to social distance outside of school time.
- 5) Mrs Day and Mrs Buchan will be on the gates to the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds to support children in saying goodbye to parents and directing them to their class teachers who will be ready to greet them at their classroom doors.
- 6) Immediately on arrival at their classroom, children will wash their hands before going to their table and starting their morning activities.
- 7) Parents should not attempt to enter the playground or the school via the main entrance. We ask for all correspondence with class teachers or the office to come via email or by telephone.
- 8) At the end of the day, children will be picked up in the same staggered groups between 3.00 and 3.20pm.

3.00 - 3.05pm	3.05 - 3.10pm	3.10 - 3.15pm	3.15 - 3.20pm
Surnames A - I	Surnames J - R	Surnames S - Z	Children of keyworkers

- 9) Those children due to be collected will be waiting on the playground and parents will queue as they did in the morning. Children will be called when their parent has arrived and families will then leave via the vehicle access gate.
- 10) Local residents will be informed of the arrangements for the beginning and end of the school day so that they can avoid the area should they wish to.

The Roman Palace is currently out of action for parking.