



Information for parents in relation to the wider
reopening of
North Rigton Primary School to all pupils from
September 2020

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Introduction

This information booklet has been created in light of the recently updated guidance outlined by the government in response to the wider reopening of primary schools for all year groups in September 2020.

It is a provisional plan based on the current information and guidance we have been given from the government. We are delighted that we should be able to open our doors to all our North Rigton children and are very much looking forward to seeing them and hearing about their lockdown adventures.

This provisional plan will take effect from Tuesday 8th September 2020 but please be aware that it is subject to change. If any amendments are made, we will be in touch with more information as soon as we can.

If you have any questions surrounding this information, please do not hesitate to contact the Headteacher, Base Leader or Business Manager.

Class Structure and Timings

Our priority is ensuring that larger, class sized ‘bubbles’ of children return to school safely and happily.

We endeavour to keep the provisional staffing structure in place that you have already been made aware of via email. Of course if any changes are made we will be in touch as soon as we can to update you.

As we are now able to have class-sized ‘bubbles’, we will be starting the year with children based in their new classes and will ensure that transition is taken into consideration with significant importance over the first few weeks.

In order to comply with social distancing regulations, we have made plans to continue to stagger the times that we enter and exit the school building. This will ensure that the smallest number possible of children and parents are outside at any one time. New markings will be put in place in order to accommodate larger class sizes on the playground.

The school day for each of the designated year groups will run as follows from September until further notice:

Year Group	Classroom and Teacher	Class Start Time:	Class Finish Time:
Reception	Apples Classroom with Mrs Down	9.20am	3.00pm
Pears	Pears Classroom with Mrs Gardiner and Mrs Mitchell	9.10am	3.10pm
Busy Bees	Hall with Miss Ellis and Mrs Butler	9.00am	3.20pm
Year 5/6	Y5/6 Classroom with Mrs Storey and Mrs Hudson	8.50am	3.30pm

Please note that drop off and collection times will need to be prompt, as directed above, to ensure that contact with other children and parents is limited wherever possible.

If you wish to talk with a member of our school staff, a phone conversation must be arranged.

New Starters

Over the first couple of weeks, there will be slight modifications for the Apples Class timetable. This is to allow a time of transition for the children as many of them have not been to our school site before. Please see the provisional arrangements below:

Monday 7 th September	Teacher Training Day – School closed to all children
Tuesday 8 th September	Children are invited for a tour of school with Mrs Down. Please see individual emails for your ½ hour time slot in order to comply with social distancing protocol. This is optional and if you'd prefer not to attend, please do just let us know. Your child may wear casual clothes for this visit.
Wednesday 9 th September	Children in from 9.20am – 11.45am
Thursday 10 th September	Children in from 9.20am – 11.45am
Friday 11 th September	Children in from 9.20am – 1.00pm (to include lunchtime)
Monday 14 th September onwards	Children attend for full days from 9.20am – 3.00pm (This is in light of the staggered timings)

What the school day will look like

Uniform

Children should be sent to school in full school uniform and appropriate school shoes, please. Please ensure every item is fully named as we are not able to facilitate any lost property areas. Any unnamed clothing which is not claimed will be disposed of at the end of each week.

We will continue to avoid using any cloakrooms where possible, so on PE days children should arrive in their PE kits with a school jumper and coat. Book bags are not necessary at this point in time.

Arriving and Leaving School

In the playground there will be additional markings in place. They will be evenly spaced out to comply with social distancing protocol and allow for class-sized groups.

Children and parents should wait on a marked point for the class teacher to arrive at the door. Once the class teacher is on the playground, parents will be asked to leave and to say goodbye to their children so that they can enter the building safely with their peers.

At the end of the day the same arrangements apply, this time with parents waiting for their child on a marked space. The parent closest to the main gate will have their child sent to them first, meaning all other parents can move down the line safely whilst maintaining a 2m distance.

Playtimes

Although two groups will be outside at the same time, we will use both the top and bottom pitch to ensure that the children are safely distanced whilst still being able to talk to one another. This maintains the integrity of our class bubbles. They should bring a healthy snack (fruit or vegetables) with them if they wish as well as a named water bottle.

Lunchtimes

For the time being, lunches will continue to be served in classrooms rather than the hall to minimise unnecessary contact with others and to preserve the integrity of our bubbles. As lunches cannot be carried up the stairs, Busy Bees Class will be based in the hall initially (this will be reviewed on an ongoing basis).

We will be in touch when we can about the new autumn term lunch menu.

Virtual Assemblies

As the guidance does not allow us to resume normal collective worship or assemblies, we will continue to use Teams for virtual assemblies so that the children can interact with one another each day.

School Learning Opportunities

Contingency Planning

Should we be forced to close a bubble due to an outbreak, or North Yorkshire is placed in a local lockdown, our contingency plan will be to resume the home learning opportunities in the same format as we have done since March. Parents and children will be able to engage with teachers for support remotely via Tapestry. You will be contacted should this step be appropriate.

Clubs

Some school clubs will resume in the autumn term. Information surrounding this will be sent out at a later date.

PE

The hall will be out of use for indoor sports for the time being as Busy Bees will be based in there and outdoor sports will be prioritised wherever possible. Children should come to school dressed in their PE kits on their allocated days. Teachers will be in touch to let you know about these details nearer the time.

Safety Arrangements

We endeavour to keep individual named resources at school to avoid any unnecessary cross contamination. Please therefore do not send your child to school with a pencil case.

Books, toys and resources will be more widely used in the classroom from September and will be cleaned down after each use by the teacher.

All teachers will also continue to have their own classroom cleaning boxes.

As we did before we closed school, children will be frequently reminded to wash their hands. Classrooms have their own sinks which will alleviate any congestion in the toilets where only one child will be allowed in at a time, please teach children to wait outside if there is someone already in the toilet. Any children in the hall will have frequent reminders to use the sinks to wash hands. Posters will also be displayed around school to encourage children to wash hands and 'catch it, bin it, kill it'. Each class will also be reminded about safety protocol as part of their reintroduction to school in September.

We will also encourage children to use hand sanitizer if they choose to bring this into school with them. Please make sure that these bottles are named.

Named water bottles will be sent home at the end of each day so that they can be washed and these will also be used at lunchtimes.

What to do if a staff member or child becomes ill in school

If your child is showing any signs of illness at home, please do not send them into school.

If a child becomes ill at school they will be taken into isolation as soon as possible so that they are away from other children. Parents will be contacted immediately and will need to come as soon as possible to take their child home. Please therefore ensure that that if you are a primary contact on our records, you ensure that you are fully reachable during school hours.

Further guidance is available on testing and tracing for coronavirus (COVID-19).

If your child or another family member at home becomes ill, please contact school immediately.

Communication between staff and parents

For the duration of the summer break, school staff will not be contactable via email or Tapestry. We ask that you please respect their privacy during the holiday period.

In the autumn term, parents should email the office on: admin@northrigton.ycway.uk with any day to day messages including absences, lunch requests etc.

If a parent is wishing to speak to a class teacher in September, teachers will communicate with them via phone, email or Tapestry.

Red Kite Club

Dianne and the Red Kite team will be providing before and after school provision for our children. They will also be joined by some pupils from All Saints.

In order to best cater for this group, the Red Kite team will be using the Busy Bees Classroom and the Think Pod initially so that the two schools can be kept in two separate rooms.