

Le Cateau

Community Primary School



RETURN TO SCHOOL

Information for parent/carers on the return to school

September 2021

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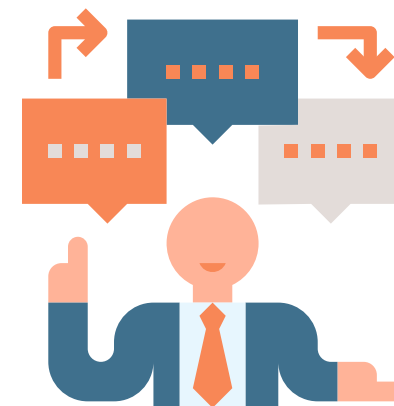
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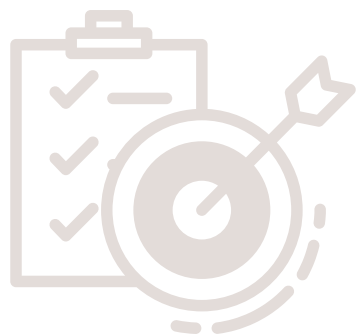
RETURNING FOR THE 21/22 ACADEMIC YEAR

We are really looking forward to getting going in September and returning to as 'near normal' as is possible. Guidance to support a full return to school continues to change, meaning some last minute amendments may be required. We recognise that this is frustrating but can only follow the relevant guidance given to us. All of the detail is based on the latest DFE guidance and relevant information from NYCC, Health & Safety and trade unions.



RISK FACTOR

There is no doubt that Covid-19 continues to present a risk although, it is not possible to ensure a totally risk free environment, data and intelligence indicates that school settings are not at any greater risk. This is something we are closely monitoring.



OUR MAIN AIM

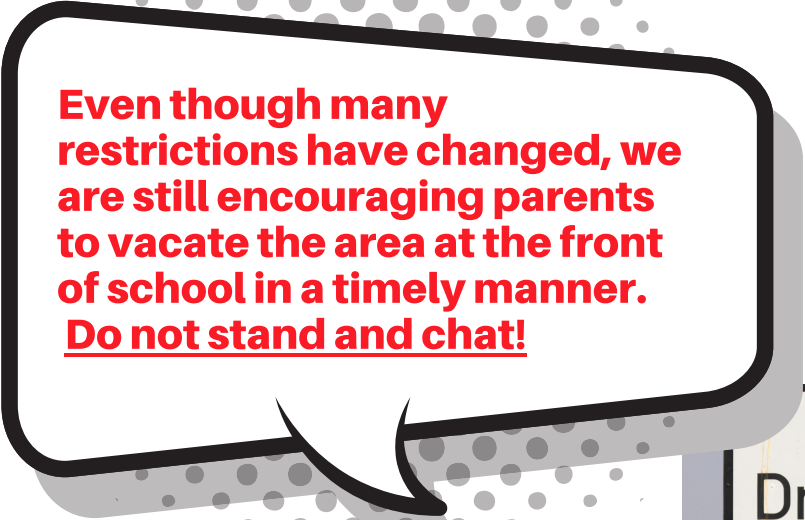
Although we have become accustomed to disruption, the main priority that we aim to achieve, is to balance a full educational experience whilst minimising the risks associated with Covid-19. This is carefully planned by leaders to implement **proportionate** protective measures for all staff and pupils.

WHEN DOES SCHOOL REOPEN?




OPEN

School reopens for all pupils on **Wednesday 8th September 2021**. This is applicable to all pupils in all year groups.



Even though many restrictions have changed, we are still encouraging parents to vacate the area at the front of school in a timely manner. Do not stand and chat!



Drop-Off
and GO

ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

Drop off and collection times are the most challenging times due to the large number of people in one area.

One of the measures that we will continue in September is the use of the front road for drop off and collection points.

The **ONLY** exception to this is the arrangements for FS1 (Nursery). Parents dropping off and collecting from the FS1 will be able to access the school grounds via the gates at the entrance to FS1. Parents can use these gates to drop their child off and



WHAT ARE THE SCHOOL TIMES IN SEPTEMBER?



Foundation Stage 1 - AM

8:45AM - 11:45AM

Gates open 8:40am

Foundation Stage 1 - PM

12:30PM - 3:30PM

Gates open 12:25pm

Foundation Stage 30 Hours

8:45AM - 3:30PM

Gates open 8:40am

Foundation Stage 2

Year 1

Year 2

9:00AM - 3:10PM

Gates open 8:55am

Year 3

Year 4

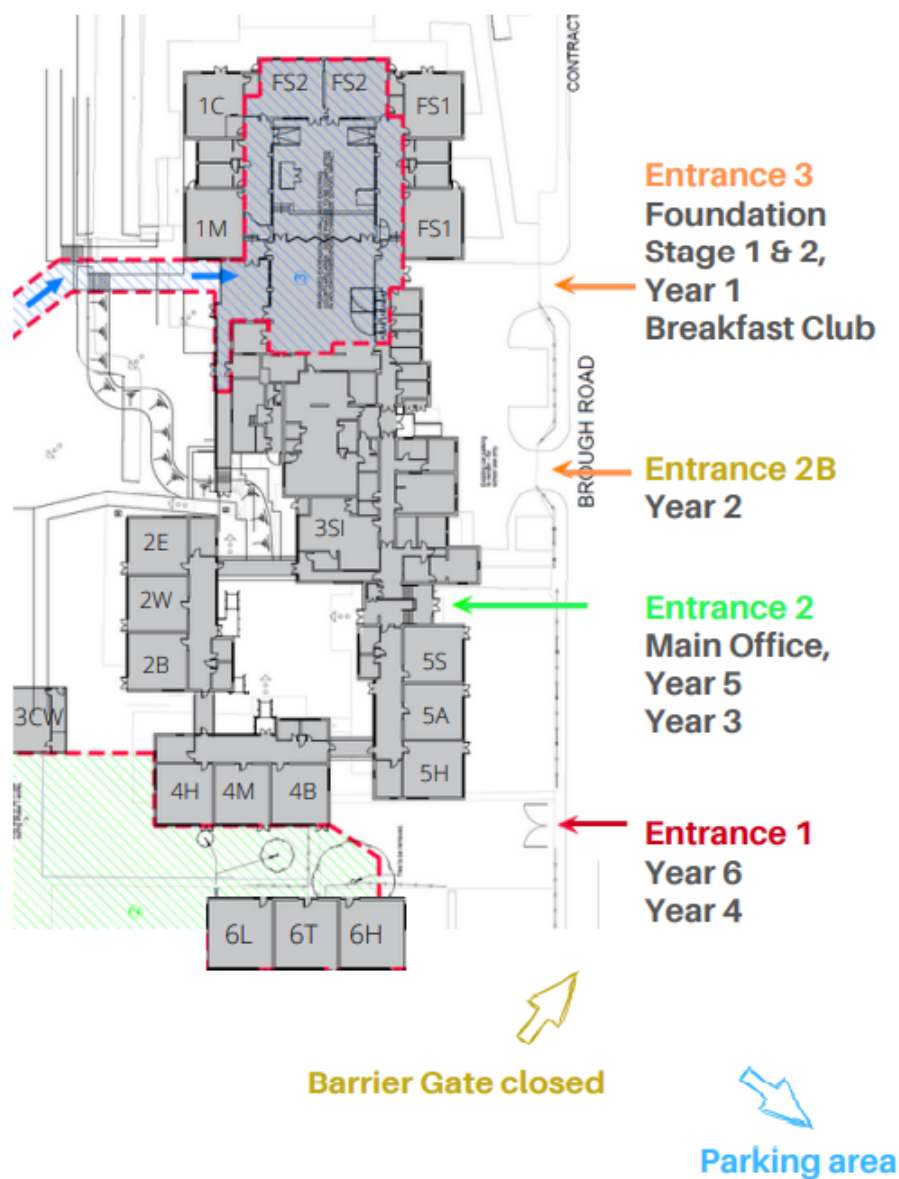
Year 5

Year 6

9:00AM - 3:20PM

Gates open 8:55am

Entrance Points



AVOID WAITING AT SCHOOL?

The school gates will be open prior to arrival - **we do not want pupils waiting on the road side.**

Pupils will be directed onto the site at the relevant time. Please note the 'gates open at' information and stick as closely to them as possible.

On arrival, pupils will be directed through the entrance points as quickly as possible to avoid waiting.

Senior members of staff will be positioned at the front of school and will help direct people.

Please remember that it takes a few days to get back into the swing of things. **It will take a little longer than normal.** It is important that **people are patient** as we get used to this system. Once we are all familiar with the process things will speed up.

We all have a role to play in this and must do our bit!

Respect others and respect the arrangements - we need to keep everyone safe and reduce anxiety levels!

FACE MASKS AT DROP OFF AND COLLECTION?

STAFF MEMBERS WILL CONTINUE TO WEAR FACE MASKS AT DROP OFF AND COLLECTION TIMES. WE ACTIVELY ENCOURAGE PARENTS TO DO THE SAME ALTHOUGH, WE RECOGNISE THIS IS NOT MANDATORY.

WASHING AND SANITISING HANDS WILL REMAIN A KEY PRIORITY?

On entry to the premises

Pupils will be provided with a 'squirt' of sanitiser as they enter the premises and make their way into the building.



Before play and when they return from break

Pupils will wash their hands in the designated areas in their bubble before and after any form of break.

At registration

Pupils will be supervised as they wash their hands once the register has been taken.

Before and after eating lunch

Pupils will be supervised as they wash their hands prior to eating lunch using soap and water. Once they have eaten, pupils are to wash their hands.



Pupils will be regularly reminded about the importance of the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' message. Please help us by discussing the importance of this process with your child.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As we return to 'near normal' conditions, it is important to remind everyone of the school uniform policy. From September, we expect people to follow the policy we have in place and to have the right clothing.

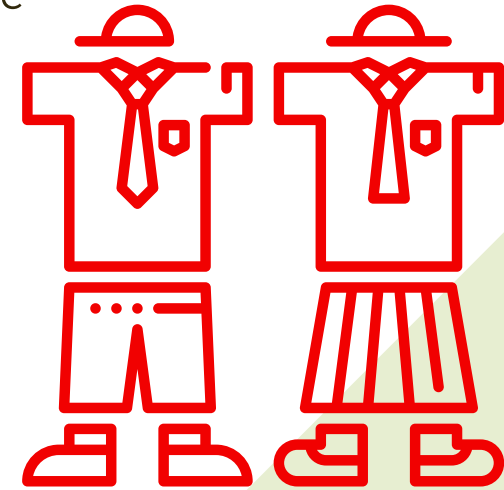
Information regarding the school uniform can be found here;
<https://www.lecateauprimary.co.uk/for-parentscarers/school-uniform/>

Given the requirement to maintain ventilation, pupils may wish to bring an additional top/fleece to wear in case they become cold during the day. This will be key as we move towards the autumn and winter months.

As part of our policy, we ask that pupils wear school shoes (not trainers with logos on) and the 'sport hoodie' is used for **PE sessions only** and not worn as an alternative jumper.

We will be returning to the normal process for PE kit in September. Pupils will need to bring their PE kit in separately and will change when they are in school at the appropriate time for PE. For information on PE kit and what pupils should wear, please see the link above.

You will be notified via Seesaw at the very start of the term as to which days of the week your child will be carrying out PE, This will also be the case for Forest Schools.

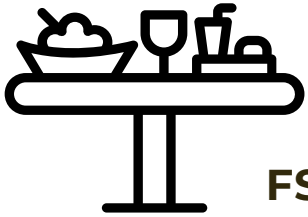


PE KIT

LUNCH AND BREAK TIMES

During the pandemic, we have noticed that having slightly reduced lunchtimes makes a big difference in school. By reducing the lunchtime to 45 minutes, we have found the pupils have a more positive lunch break, the time spent eating is more productive and fall outs have been substantially reduced meaning less disruption to teaching time.

This is one of the aspects of Covid that we will continue with.



FS1, FS2, Y1 and Y2 will have their lunch break from 11:45am to 12:30pm each day.

Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 will have their lunch break from 12:30pm to 1:15pm each day.

By implementing a shorter lunchtime, we have added an extra break time into the day. Break times are important as they help pupils refresh, undertake some physical movement and spend some important time with their friends.

Break times are also important points to have a snack. All pupils in FS and KS1 are offered a piece of fruit or veg on a daily basis. This is in-line with Government policy. For KS2 pupils, we recommend they have a snack with them to maintain energy levels. A piece of fruit, a cereal bar or even cheese and crackers are useful items to keep the pupils going. Nb - please remember nut products are not allowed due to severe allergies in school.



WHAT EQUIPMENT DOES MY CHILD NEED TO BRING WITH THEM?

Pupil Equipment

Pupils require very little in school. School bags are allowed however, they do not require a pencil case. If a child is having a packed lunch then they need to bring a lunch box. A coat is advised and possibly a spare top if it is cold.

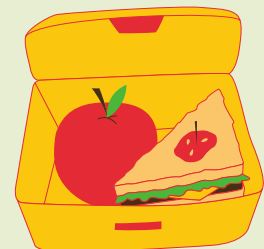
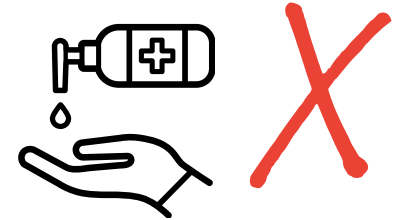
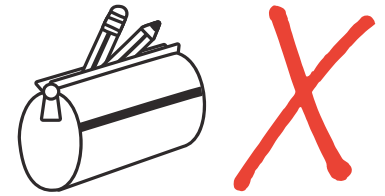
Pupils should bring their own (labelled) water bottle as they can access water throughout the day.

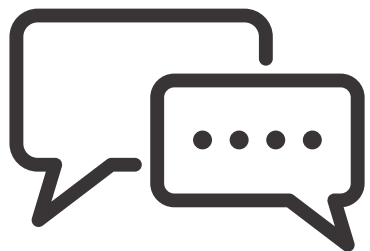
Some older pupils have a mobile phone that they bring to school. This is also allowed however, it must be turned off whilst in school and handed to the class teacher for safe keeping.

Please note, school does not accept any liability for damage to mobile phones if left in a child's bag.

PE Kit

As stated earlier, pupils will change for PE whilst in school therefore PE kit needs to be brought in on the allocated days. Some pupils like to bring a kit at the start of the week and leave it on their peg in school for the week. This is fine although we are mindful of hygiene standards especially if it has been a heavy PE session!





COMMUNICATING WITH SCHOOL

From the vast array of comments that we have received, the measures we have in place work really well and you all understand the approach.

The best form of communication continues to be via Seesaw. By using this, you are able to communicate directly with your child's class teacher **although they may not be able to respond immediately to any communication you send.**

If you need to inform us of an absence or there is an emergency then please contact the school office directly on 01748 832292.

Appointments may be made for a meeting on site although these will continue to be restricted and the use of telephone/email is the preferred method.

If the contact is related to Covid then please email:
covid@le-cateau.n-yorks.sch.uk



BREAKFAST CLUB/AFTER SCHOOL & EXTRA CURRICULAR?

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will operate from 7:30am to 9:00am each day. The Breakfast Club runs from the school hall. We will continue to maintain 'year group bubbles' whilst at Breakfast Club to ensure mixing is limited.

If your child attends Breakfast Club, they will be escorted to their relevant bubbles at the relevant time.

Bookings must be made in advance via Arbor. The entrance near the hall (Entrance 3) is to be used.

From September, the daily cost for Breakfast Club is £4 per child and includes a wide choice of fruits, cereals, toast, bagels and a hot food option each day. Bookings must be made in advance via Arbor.

Extra curricular Clubs

Extra curricular clubs will be in operation in the new academic year. We will update you as to what is available when we return so please watch this space!

PT After School Club

PT After School will return to a 6:00pm finish time. PT operate in the school hall.

Communication will be in place to notify year groups as to who is attending the facility and collection points implemented for the different bubbles across school. These will be overseen by PT staff members. Collection from After School Club is from the entrance near the hall (Entrance 3).

