



Soaring Skies
Federation



Friday 4th September 2020

Dear Colvestone pupils and families,

We hope you are all safe and well and looking forward to the full restart of our school.

I write to remind you that school will be restarting from Monday 7th September.

- Gates for the playground entrance will open from 8:45-9.00 and children in years 1-6 will be expected to be dropped at the gate and make their way directly to their class. Staff will be on hand to support children in finding their new class using the stairs and entrance doors for their year group. Breakfast and wrap around club will be operating from Monday 7th September.
- By directly going to class children will be safer, this will also make the utmost of learning time and re-establish ourselves as a place of learning. At the end of the day the gates will be open from 3.15-3.30 for you to pick up your child/children. Children will be brought down to the playground at 3.30pm by their class teacher.
- There will be designated areas for pick up in the playground to encourage social distancing: signs will direct you to where your child will be. We would encourage parents and carers to wear masks in the playground. Can we please ask that as soon as you collect your child(ren), you will leave the playground promptly to reduce congestion.
- Early Years pupils will return on their allocated dates which they have been notified of separately. Further guidance for Early Years is on a separate letter.
- Year 6 Parents- please note if you would like your child to walk home alone please send in a written confirmation of this request.

- Children will be reminded to wash their hands regularly during various points in the school day. We are not offering hand sanitisers to children as this can have a negative impact on their skin and make certain health conditions worse. Break and lunch times for classes will be staggered and children will stay with their class/year groups.
- Unfortunately, there will not be any 'communal' activities such as 'House Reading' and external school trips until further notice. Whilst we want to keep the community spirit, initially we will be minimising face to face communication. Should you wish to speak to a member of staff including SLT please contact the school office.
- If a child or member of staff were to develop symptoms related to Covid-19 the school will follow government guidance and the parent/carer will be notified immediately. The child will wait in our medical room until they are picked up by their parent/carer. If a child or staff member tests positive for Covid-19 the children and staff who have been in contact with that individual will be notified on the advice of Public Health England and the Local Authority.
- A reminder that school ends at 1pm every Friday. Please do contact the school office on Monday 7th September if you are unable to pick up your child at this time and qualify as a key worker.

I appreciate your patience and understanding of these new procedures. Whilst they are not ideal, we know that your child's health, your health and that of your wider family has to be a priority. Obviously, we also have a responsibility to ensure our staff are kept safe as well.

We look forward to coming together as a school community again.

Best wishes

Mr Macfarlane

Head of School