



**CASTLE ACADEMY
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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: School Reopening Important Information

Thank you for your patience while we waited for further information on reopening schools – the government has now published further guidance. Following the publishing of this guidance, the school will reopen to pupils from Thursday 3rd September.

We are proposing the following measures to ensure a safe and secure period of transition as well as making sure that we comply with government guidelines. It is really important that we have a shared understanding of how different the provision that we are able to offer during this period will be. Please prepare your child for this.

Start dates

We look forward to welcoming our pupils back on the following dates.

Year group	Date
Nursery	Thursday 3 rd September 2020- further information will follow
Reception	Monday 7 th and Wednesday 9 th September 2020- further information will follow
Year 1 - 6	Thursday 3 rd September 2020

Structure of the day

We will stagger start times and collection times, as well as lunch and break times, enabling us to maintain and adhere to social distancing guidelines. The table below shows the different start and end times for the different year groups, as well as the different entrances into school for the different year groups which is vital for social distancing. When you arrive and leave the school site, you should use the entrance according to the table below. Upon making your way onto the school site, you should drop off and pick up your child from the gate according to the table below. **Please adhere to these timings and entrances, as they are crucial for the safety of our staff and pupils.**

Year	Start of day	End of day	Entering and exiting school site		Year group gate for child drop off and collection		
			Barrack Rd entrance	St Georges St entrance	Nursery gate	Middle gate	Bottom gate (by main office)
Nursery	9.00am	3.15pm	✓		✓		
Reception	8.45am	3.00pm	✓		✓		
Year 1	8.45am	3.00pm	✓	✓		✓	
Year 2	9.00am	3.15pm	✓	✓		✓	
Year 3/4	9.00am	3.15pm		✓			✓
Year 5/6	8.45am	3.00pm		✓			✓

Staff will be available to help parents in September should you be unsure which gate you are required to drop off and pick up your children from. **Please ensure that only one adult drops off and collects from school.**

In September it is important to note that that normal lessons may not resume instantly and that children will be taught to the gaps in their learning. We will spend time in school focusing on mental health and wellbeing, being active and creative. School at this time will be a little different. The children will only be able to remain within their year group bubble and the adults working with them. Resources will be selected carefully so that these may be cleaned at the end of each day. Individual trays will be provided enabling the children to have their own resources. Class layouts will look different with space between desks to encourage social distancing.

We would like your child to wear their school uniform, however, it is vital that this is washed daily or a spare set is in place. If you may find this challenging, please talk to someone in the office and we will be able to support you with this.

You will also need to provide your child/children with a water bottle, which will be kept in their trays. Regarding lunches, hot dinners will be available from September. We have identified that having a hot dinner will be the safest option for our school community as it will limit the amount of lunchboxes and items coming in from home and would encourage you to consider hot dinners as an option for your child.

We thank you for your continued support and patience during this difficult time. If you have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

Lorna Beard
Principal

Daniel Lugg
Head of School

