



# Scole Church of England V.C. Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is with great pleasure that I am writing to you at the start of a new academic year as Interim Headteacher of Scole VC Primary School and I do hope that you are all refreshed from the summer break. I am very much looking forward to meeting you and working with the whole community to build upon the successes of this wonderful village school.

The past 2 years has seen school operating very differently and I would like to thank you for your continued patience whilst we have been finalising arrangements and waiting for government clarification ready for our return to school on the 6th September. Although national restrictions have been lifted over the summer, I would like to reassure you that the health and safety of our school community remains a core priority. We will continue to review the measures that we have implemented and update you with any changes that need to be made.

## **Ventilation**

Government guidance mentions the importance of ventilation. We will therefore maximise the use of the outdoor environment, ensure classroom windows are open and continue to operate some aspects of the school day in smaller groups.

## **Visitors**

Currently we will be restricting visitor access to the school during the working day unless by agreed appointment. All visitors will be asked to perform hand hygiene before entering the site and to confirm that they do not have symptoms or are required to isolate.

## **Testing guidance**

Anyone with a positive LFD test result should self-isolate in line with the [stay at home](#) guidance. They will also need to get a free PCR test. If the PCR test is taken within 2 days of the positive lateral flow test, and is negative, it overrides the self-test LFD test and the person can return to school, as long as they are symptom free.

## Personal Hygiene

Please could you help us by reminding your children the importance of thoroughly washing hands with soap and water often after using the toilet, before eating and drinking, after coughing or sneezing and after using shared items or equipment.

The following poster is also a very useful visual guide.



## Arrival and collection arrangements

The school day will run from 8.45am-3.15pm.

The main playground gate will be opened from 8.45am and closed at 8.55 am when the bell will ring. Parents are asked to encourage their children to come through the gate on their own unless they are in Explorers Class (Year R) where parents can drop their children off at the classroom. All teaching staff will be on the playground from 8.45 am to welcome the children. Please note that the main reception should not be used unless in the exceptional circumstance of children being late to school, when they will need to be signed in by an accompanying adult. Please do your very best to avoid this. The school day will finish at 3.15pm for all children. Parents can collect children from the playground and teaching staff will release children to the appropriate adult.

For safeguarding purposes, if your child is normally allowed to walk home from school alone please could we ask you to email the school to confirm this for our records.

We would also like to reiterate that if someone other than yourself is collecting at the end of the school day this must be communicated to us in advance please.

## PE

We will be continuing to ask for children to attend school in their school PE kits for the whole day. This has worked brilliantly over the last 18 months and has meant that children are spending more time being active in PE lessons rather than spending time changing. Children may wear plan joggers in cooler weather together with a Scole or plain blue/black sweatshirt. The current days for PE are:

Explorers (Year R) Wednesday/Thursday  
Pathfinders (Year 1 and 2) Monday/ Thursday  
Adventurers (Year 3 and 4) Monday/Friday  
Navigators (Year 5/6) Tuesday and Wednesday

### **School lunches**

It is important that all school meals are ordered in advance. Menus for next week were distributed before the end of the summer term. School Meals for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be free of charge. For those in Years 3,4,5 and 6 the cost is £2.40 per day (£12.00 per week). We are no longer accepting cash payments – please make a bank transfer to the following account, clearly stating your child's name in the description. Account Name: NCC Scole C of E VC Primary Account No: 30363227.

Please can I remind you that for packed lunches we encourage as healthy a lunch as possible without fizzy drinks and sweets. Chocolate covered biscuits are allowed. Please do not send in any peanuts or items containing peanuts.

Lunch trolleys will be out on the playground in the mornings for the children to put their packed lunches before the morning bell.

### **Fruit**

As it is a long morning from arrival until lunch time, we encourage pupils to bring a piece of fruit or cereal bar for break times. KS1 pupils will be supplied with fruit but we cannot guarantee delivery for the first week so please can this be supplied until further notice.

### **Breakfast Club**

The breakfast club will continue to operate with the one drop off time (7.45am). The cost remains £3 per session which should be paid to the same bank account as school meals (details above).

I look forward to welcoming you on 6<sup>th</sup> September. We will be in contact with further information about class meetings and other forms of parental engagement.

### **Class Dojo**

Finally, please can any queries be sent via the office@ email address rather than through Class Dojo for the time being whilst we update this.

Best wishes

Mr J Moule

Interim Headteacher