



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted that we will be able to welcome all children back to school in September. We are sure that there are lots of questions about how this is going to work and what school will be like for your children.

Over the coming weeks we will continue to update the website with information and will keep you informed of any updates either by text or email. As always, if after reading the relevant documents or updates, you still have a question please call us or email parentsvoice@charnwood.staffs.sch.uk and we will get back to you with the information we have.

The Government have set out the guidance for full school opening and this can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/schools-and-colleges-to-reopen-in-full-in-september>.

At Charnwood your child's safety and well-being are paramount and we are working to ensure that all elements of this guidance are in place ready for September.

Below is a list of questions you may have and our answers. Where further information may be available in greater detail a link has been added for your reference.

What day does term start? *Wednesday 2nd September. Nursery will be a staggered intake and parents will receive separate information.*

Does my child have to come to school? *Attendance is mandatory from September for all children.*

What time should I bring my child/children to school? *There will be 3 different start times to reduce the number of people on site at any one time. Please see timetable. All children in the same family will have the same start time.*

What time will I pick up my child/children? *All classes will have a staggered finish time to reduce the number leaving the site at any point. The times will range from 3pm to 3.25pm. You will be given a finish time via text message.*

Where do I drop off and collect my child? *We ask Years 4,5 and 6 to walk themselves into and out of the school site. For all other years please bring your child the normal route up the ramp to the school door at a safe distance from others. There is a one ways system in place. To collect please wait on the first playground and your child will be brought to you at the allotted time.*

Does my child have to wear school uniform? *Yes. The uniform policy is on the website. Please note that footwear must be black with no sandals or open toes.*

Will my child need a PE kit? *Yes. A change of kit for PE lessons will be required including footwear.*

What should my child bring with them to school? *A coat, water bottle, sun cream if required, reading book. Please do not bring any other items into school e.g. toys. School will provide all resources including pencil case items.*

How will my child have lunch and break time? *This will be with their class at a staggered time so no mixing between classes. They will have an hour with time to eat and time to play.*

Are the kitchen selling tuck? *Currently due to current guidelines on handling money we will be unable to run this. We recommend that you bring your own healthy snack for break time.*

What do the classrooms look like? *They will follow the guidelines in years 1 to 6 including measures such as desks facing the front and/or children working side by side rather than face to face. The staff will be encouraged to keep a distance. The children will have their own resource pack on their desks. The rest will be the same we will continue to make our classrooms fun, lively and engaging for pupils.*

Will children be taught a full curriculum? Will there still be lessons like PE and drama? *We will be teaching a full, broad and balanced curriculum.*

What is cleaning like in school? How is the chance for transmission being reduced? *School is cleaned daily especially touch points. Shared items will be cleaned after use. Regular handwashing and hygiene procedures will be built into the daily routine and larger gatherings such as assemblies will be replaced with events being held in class bubbles. All other guidelines followed.*

Will there still be bagels in the mornings? *Due to limited visitors in school we hope to manage this in house.*

Is there still Wide Awake Club (breakfast club)? *Yes this will operate in the hall where it is more spacious. All guidelines will be followed. Booking and payment for this will continue as it has previously.*

Is there still Tea Time Tigers (after school club)? *Yes, this will operate in the hall where it is more spacious. All guidelines will be followed. Booking and payment for this will continue as it has previously.*

Will extra-curricular clubs be running? *Unfortunately, not during the Autumn Term to prevent unnecessary mixing of bubbles.*

Will my child still get to bring home reading books and other resources? *Yes, reading books can be brought home. We will ensure they are cleaned on return before replacing them on the shelves to be chosen again.*

What do I do if my child is absent from school? *Please ring school on 01543 227560 and leave a message on the absence line on the first day of absence with a full description there is no need to talk directly to a member of staff unless it is urgent. Please do not use dojo to inform us of an illness.*

What will happen if my child becomes ill within school? *If your child shows symptoms you will be called to collect. The child will wait in the medical room until this is possible. The child will then require a test and school will need to be informed of the results if they are positive. Children may return to school following a negative result or after the guided number of days depending on which is sooner. As with everything we will follow the guidelines and these may change and need to be updated .*

What will happen if another child in the class gets ill? *School will alert you of positive testing. Educational establishments are using the track and trace system.*

How will we be able to communicate with teachers if we are not allowed on site? *Please ring the school and arrange an appointment. It is important to us to keep our communication open. Alternatively use Class Dojo™ or emails.*

My child has SEND how will school support them with this? *This will continue as before. Please contact Mrs Stafford with enquiries. a.stafford@charnwood.staffs.sch.uk*

I am worried that my child has fallen behind or is struggling emotionally as a result of the closure and/or personal issues at home how will the school support my child? *We will be supporting all children in their learning and will provide extra support where possible. We will have nurture sessions where required and can refer to external agencies. For further details, please explore our school website where you will find our plans for recovery which will be updated regularly. If you have any additional concerns, please contact the class teacher or principal.*

We encourage children in years 4, 5 and 6 to enter and leave the school site independently if dropping them off outside of school please choose a safe location.

Start Time	
8.45am	Year 6 and 5 plus siblings
8.55am	Year 4 and 3 and 2 plus siblings
9.05am	Year 1 and Reception and Nursery plus siblings

Finish Time	
12.05pm	Nursery
3.00pm	Reception
3.00pm	Year 1
3.10pm	Year 2
3.15pm	Year 3
3.20pm	Year 4
3.20pm	Year 5
3.25pm	Year 6