

# March Full Opening Information Poster

As school attendance will become mandatory again from the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021, Thurton CofE Primary School has considered the measures and system of controls in the DfE Publication: 'Schools coronavirus (COVID-19) operational guidance' (published February 2021) when undertaking our coronavirus (COVID-19) risk assessment. Whilst we recognise that we cannot completely eliminate the risk of coronavirus (COVID-19) on site, we have put in place measures required to reduce the risks so far as reasonably practicable.

## System of controls

This is the set of actions schools must take. They are grouped into 'prevention' and 'response to any infection'.

### Prevention:

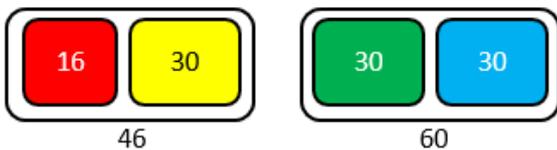
- 1) minimise contact with individuals who are required to self-isolate by ensuring they DO NOT attend the school
- 2) ensure face coverings are used in recommended circumstances\*
- 3) Ensure everyone is advised to clean their hands thoroughly and more often than usual
- 4) ensure good respiratory hygiene for everyone by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- 5) maintain enhanced cleaning, including cleaning frequently touched surfaces often, using standard products such as detergents

The school put the above system of controls in place during the autumn term.

\* In primary schools and early year's settings, face coverings should be worn by staff and adult visitors where social distancing between adults is not possible.

**6) consider how to minimise contact across the site and maintain social distancing wherever possible**

We will continue to be grouping our children into bubbles in the following way:



The children will be kept in their class groups for the majority of the time where possible.

The DfE recognise that it is acceptable for children not to distance within their groups. However, we will support children to maintain distance and not to touch staff or their peers where possible.

Children will sit side-by-side and facing forwards when working or sitting at a desk. Desks will remain spaced apart as far as possible.

Children will mix into their wider Key Stage groups at times to enable us to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum. For example, for specialist teaching such as phonics, and for after school clubs/wraparound care. These wider Key Stage groups will be kept apart where possible.

We advise that pupils continue to limit the amount of equipment they bring into school: we suggest a bag, PE kit, lunch box, hat, coat, books and stationery. Children will be allowed to take books home which will enable our home reading challenge to continue during the Summer Term.

All teachers and other staff are able to operate across different classes and Key Stages to facilitate the delivery of our curriculum. For example, Mrs Pyburn will be able to teach languages, e.g. German, to both Green Class and Blue Class. Staff will try to keep their distance from pupils and other staff as much as they can.

As we must avoid large gatherings of pupils, we will be unable to organise whole school collective worship and celebration assemblies until further notice.

To keep groups apart we will be staggering break times and lunchtimes. See below for our lunchtime timetable:

Group	11:45 – 12:15	12:15 – 12:45	12:45 – 1:15
5/6		Classroom Lunch	Playground
3/4	Classroom Lunch	Playground	
KS1	Playground	Hall Lunch	

Our meal providers Vertas will recommence hot dinners with a limited menu from 8<sup>th</sup> March. These will be issued to the children from our servery in disposable containers until further notice.

We will continue to stagger start and finish times at school to keep groups apart and reduce parent gatherings (see the table below). These times will not reduce the amount of overall teaching time.

The one way system will remain in place and parents will still be prohibited from entering the school building without an appointment until further notice.

Group	Start <i>Siblings: Use earliest allotted time</i>	Finish <i>Siblings: Use latest allotted time</i>
R/1/2	8:30am	3:00pm
3/4	8:40am	3:10pm
5/6	8:50am	3:20pm



We will be able to provide Before School Care (7:45am-8:30am) and After School Care (3:30pm-4:30pm) to both KS1 and KS2 children from 8<sup>th</sup> March. Pre-booking via our digital Booking Form will be necessary.

We will be running this term's postponed after school sports clubs for KS1 children after the Easter break.

Peripatetic teachers, such as music tutors, will be recommencing their activities in school from 8<sup>th</sup> March.

**7) keep occupied spaces well ventilated**

Each room has good natural ventilation - opening windows/doors.

**8) individuals wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) where necessary**

We do have PPE onsite but it will only be used if a member of staff is supporting a child with COVID-19 symptoms or performing intimate care.

**9) promote and engage in asymptomatic testing**

All staff have access to tests to be used twice-weekly at home.