



**COWBIT ST. MARY'S (ENDOWED)  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope everyone has had a safe summer and has been able to enjoy the beautiful weather. I appreciate the circumstances of the current situation will have affected all of us in some way. Focusing on our School Christian values of PERSEVERANCE, TRUST and RESPONSIBILITY will enable us to move forward.

As directed by the government, all pupils are expected to return in September (Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> for our school.) The school has been cleaned and staff are steadily preparing for opening in September under current government guidelines. We will put measures in place to provide a safe environment as we possibly can for staff and pupils. The government guidance acknowledges that it is not possible to maintain a 2m distance in a school setting, particularly with younger pupils. However, through maintaining hygiene routines, minimalising contact, creating designated class 'bubbles' and other measures as detailed in our risk assessment, we will follow the government's safety guidance in order to meet the educational needs of pupils. It is important that such measures are followed by everyone.

Arrival- 8.40a.m.-Gates open for pupils

- Adults are to wait with pupils in cars or outside on the footpath at a distance of 2m per household.
- Pupils stay with adults within their household. (No socialising or mixing with others.)
- Y4-Y6 will enter the **left** side of the gate and R-Y3 will enter the **right** side of the gate. (Photos to follow.)

Dismissal- 3.10pm- Gates will open for pupils to leave.

- Pupils will leave single file one household at a time following the designated sections.
- Parents/cares will meet pupils one at time, or per household, outside of the gate and leave following the one-way system.

Please do not allow children to ride bicycles or scooters on the footpaths.

Pupils will not be allowed to mix with other classes and will wait in their areas until an adult comes to the gate to pick them up. Please be patient as this routine will take a bit longer than usual.

\*Parents/Carers will not be allowed through the gates during arriving and dismissing times.

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Please ring or email the school should you have any queries or need to pass on information. If you need a face-to-face discussion with a member of staff, please make an appointment in order to ensure social distancing.

Additional Information

**Pupils are to wear school uniform.** *Guidance states, 'Uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often than usual, nor do they need to be cleaned using methods which are different from normal.'* We suggest having two sets of uniform which can be rotated to ensure a clean uniform can be worn to school. (The school arranged for all pupils to get an extra top for free.)

Throughout the day pupils will wash their hands and have access to hand sanitizer.

Pupils will stay with their designated class throughout the whole day and will not mix with other classes on the playground. Playtimes will be staggered and the playground will be set up in zones as well.

Pupils will need bottles of **water** to last throughout the day as water fountains will be turned off. Pupils will keep their **water** bottle with them in class. We will only be allowing **water** in the classrooms during class time. We appreciate some pupils prefer juice or squash, however, should there be a spillage, juice and squash make it more difficult to clean. Pupils can have a juice drink in their lunch box to drink during lunch.

If a pupil becomes unwell at school, the pupil will stay in the staff room where he or she will be monitored from a safe distance until collected by a parent/carer. We will contact you to come and pick up your child and follow procedures as necessary. As usual practice, in the case of an extreme illness or injury, we will ring emergency services.

Do not send your child to school if he or she (or someone in the household) is showing signs or symptoms of Covid-19 and follow government advice. Once a test has been taken, the school requests a copy of the results as soon as possible.

We appreciate the support we have received from parents, carers and community over the past months. Through working together we can continue to provide for our pupils. We have been very pleased with the positive behaviour and responsibility displayed by the pupils during this time.

Thank you for your continued support.

All the best,

Mr Johnson  
Headteacher

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