

Veryan CofE School



Covid-19 School Plan

Spring 2021

Start Date: 5th January

Dear Parent/Carer,

The purpose of this booklet is to share the school's 'partial closure plan' providing information on how Veryan School will close to all pupils in all year groups (except those who are vulnerable or from a Critical Keyworker family) from 5th January 2021.

These plans have been written in line with current Government Guidelines.

Before looking at school arrangements for the Spring Term, we would like to thank our whole school community; parents, children and staff for their support and commitment during this very difficult time. Once again, this is an unpredicted period of absence for many children with no warning; we thank parents for prioritising children's emotional well-being and engagement in home-learning platforms, especially those 'juggling' additional work commitments and staff for remaining flexible; altering their working times, hours both in school and at home.

Although this is intended to be the final school plan for this current lockdown, Government advice remains subject to change. Should this be the case, an amended document will be sent with all adaptations in blue to your email address as soon as possible.

With best wishes,

Caroline Jarrett

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Caroline Jarrett". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and slightly larger than the rest of the letters.

Head of School

Attendance

Only children who are classed as 'vulnerable' are expected to attend school during this lockdown. You will have been contacted to discuss this if your child is in this category.

No other children are **expected** to attend school, however those from Critical Keyworker families who are in need of a place may contact school to discuss this offer.

All children are, however, expected to 'attend' and engage with remote learning as provided by your child's class teacher/s. Please keep in contact with your child's teacher/s via Tapestry or Class Dojo to facilitate this.

If you are experiencing any difficulties with this, please contact your child's teacher for support and they will be there to help you.

If you having difficulties using the communication platforms to contact the teachers, please contact the school office.

Staff and Classrooms

The children currently in school are a small bubble of less than 10 each day and are considered as a single bubble. They are separated into smaller groups throughout the day for teaching purposes within a spacious and well ventilated environment and spend a lot of time outdoors.

Staff are on a rota around this bubble but keep a social distance where possible and maintain high levels of hygiene in line with Covid expectations. Staff will also wear a face covering in school where appropriate.

School Timings

Staggered times are suspended for this lockdown as we are only operating one KW / Vulnerable bubble currently.

Drop off is 8.45am at main gate

Pick up is 3.15pm at main gate

School Lunches

Our kitchen at Veryan School is currently closed, although Caterlink are still in operation at Ladock School and school meals can be ordered for children in the KW / V bubble if they wish. Parents should contact Mrs Allan and continue to pay via ParentPay. Universal free school meals for children in KS1 and free school meals will continue to be provided free of charge through booking for those in school.

Vouchers are in the process of being organised through Edenred and allocated to families entitled to free school meals (who are not attending school) as was the case during the previous lockdown. The school office will have been in contact with the relevant families regarding this.

Please contact the school office if you experience difficulties in accessing these.

Social Distancing

We will continue to promote sensible social distancing for children; adults in school will keep a social distance from each other and from children where appropriate.

Classroom Environments

The small changes made to classrooms will remain and, for most of the day, children will be seated side by side and facing forwards to the front of the room.

Classrooms will continue to be well ventilated and be suitably spacious for the numbers of users to allow for social distancing.

Resources

Frequently used equipment, such as pencils and pens, when provided by the school, will not be shared with other children.

Children may bring one bag into school containing lunchboxes , water bottles and PE kit.

Children will not be permitted to bring in extra items to school unless previously and specifically discussed with school staff.

School Uniform

Children attending the KW / V bubble do not need to wear uniform and should ensure that they wear different clothes each day to minimise the possibility of cross infection. These should be comfortable and warm for our ventilated environments and outdoor sessions.

Waterproof shoes and a coat are also recommended currently.

Curriculum

Teachers will continue to teach our school curriculum for the core subjects as was planned for the Spring term in most cases. This will be modified for remote learning to make it more accessible to those at home. The introduction of 'family learning' being an example of this.

The emotional well-being/mental health of children is still a main focus as we continue through these difficult times.

Planning will continue to be on the basis of the educational need of pupils and will be tailored to year groups and individuals as appropriate.

Teaching staff will continue to teach through our school's planned bespoke curriculum with topics studied in depth both remotely and face to face.

School Visitors

School Maintenance

School contractors (Reef Water, CCE maintenance team, school cleaner) will be permitted on the school site, preferably outside of school hours. Hand washing and physical distancing will be explained prior/on arrival to the school site. The school will keep contact information of all external visitors.

Parents

Parents will not be admitted on the school premises unless there is an exceptional circumstance, where a telephone conversation/Zoom video call is not possible.

Extra Curricular Clubs / Activities

There will not be any extra curricular clubs until further notice.

Music lessons from outside providers will not be taking place, however, many music teachers are providing lessons virtually. They will contact parents directly regarding this possibility.

Cleaning and Hygiene in school

Handwashing

Staff will continue to encourage and supervise health and hygiene arrangements such as handwashing, tissue disposal and toilet flushing. Children will be made to wash their hands frequently with soap and dry them properly throughout the day including every time they come in from outside and before and after they eat snacks or lunch and after sneezing or coughing. Help will be available for children who have trouble cleaning their hands independently. All classrooms have their own sink and toilets to use.

Hygiene Management

The bubble will have their own cleaning wipes and spray that adults in the group can use frequently to clean surfaces that children are touching e.g. toys, books, desks, chairs, doors, sinks, light switches.

Children will be actively encouraged not to touch their mouth, eyes and noses. Children will regularly be reminded of 'catch it, bin it, kill it' procedures. All classroom bins have been replaced with swing bins and these bins will be emptied regularly throughout the day.

All rooms will be well ventilated by opening windows and wherever possible doors will be propped open to aid ventilation and limit the use of door handles. Children will not use the school corridor where possible; they will only use their allocated room and enter and exit this via the fire escape unless there is an exceptional circumstance. At the end of each day, each room will be cleaned.

Symptoms Response

Parents and carers will need to be ready to:

book a test for their child if they are displaying symptoms; not come to school during that period of time and self isolate. If the test result is negative, they may return to the school and their period of self isolation ends.

[Click Here for the test booking website](#) or book by calling NHS 119.

We will hopefully be provided with a number of home testing kits that can be given directly to parents.

Inform the school of the test results (positive or negative) immediately.

Child/adult shows symptoms of Covid-19 in school

If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new and persistent cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must be sent home and advised to follow guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection, which sets out that they should self-isolate for at least 10 days and should arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19).

Any child that develops symptoms will be brought to the isolation room. Staff members developing symptoms will be sent home. If a child/adult is symptomatic outside of school hours they should remain at home and contact the school.

PPE will be worn by staff caring for the child while they await collection if direct personal care is needed and a suitable distance cannot be maintained (such as for a very young child or a child with complex needs).

In an emergency, the school will call 999 if a child is seriously ill or injured or their life is at risk.

Schools will not visit the GP, pharmacy, urgent care centre or a hospital.

The child/staff member should then follow the COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection, available on the www.gov.uk

All children will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus. If they develop symptoms, they should be tested. If they test negative, they can return to their setting and their fellow household members can end their self-isolation. If they test positive, education and childcare settings should follow guidance on implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings.

When a child or adult develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus, they should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for at least 10 days. Fellow household members should self-isolate for at least 14 days.

Child/Staff Member tests positive for Covid-19

Where a child or staff member tests positive, the rest of their bubble will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 10 days.

If they have tested positive whilst not experiencing symptoms but develop symptoms during the isolation period, they should restart the 10-day isolation period from the day they develop symptoms.

The other household members of that wider class/group do not need to self-isolate unless the child, young person or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms.

As part of the national test and trace programme, if other cases are detected within the child or young person's cohort or in the wider education or childcare setting, Public Health England's local Health Protection Teams will conduct a rapid investigation and will advise schools and other settings on the most appropriate action to take. In some cases, a larger number of other children and young people may be asked to self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure - perhaps the whole class, site or year group. Where settings are observing guidance on infection prevention and control, which will reduce risk of transmission, closure of the whole setting will not generally be necessary.

If a member of staff has helped someone who was unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, they do not need to go home unless they develop symptoms themselves. They should wash their hands thoroughly for 20 seconds after any contact with someone who is unwell. Cleaning the affected area with normal household disinfectant after someone with symptoms has left will reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people.



KW / V Bubble

School Guide



5th January onwards

Where to drop off/pick up your child:

Main school gate, queueing from the school gate away from the main road

Starting school - 8:45am main school gate.

Finishing school - 3.15pm main school gate.

What to bring (not compulsory):

Book bag, packed lunch, water bottle, hat

What to wear:

Warm, comfortable clothes suitable for being outside. Strong shoes and a waterproof coat.

What not to bring:

Unnecessary items that are typically shared

What to remember:

Parents are **not** permitted on the school site, please contact by phone/email or ring the bell on the gate.