



## NEWBOTTLE & CHARLTON CEVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Every person matters, every moment counts "I can do all this through him who gives me strength"*

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### Lockdown 3

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a start to the year! Thank you for keeping on top of all my emails and letters that were sent out. As you know there has been so much uncertainty and changes over the last week and I want to say a big thank you to all our school community, but especially staff for being so flexible under these strange circumstances we find ourselves in again. School is now only open for critical key worker children and those who are classed as vulnerable. The national guidance states that children with at least one parent or carer who is a critical worker can go to school if required. This includes parents who may be working from home. However, parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can. Currently this is up to 39 children which is over 36% of the school. This is very different to the first lockdown, especially as we started with 10% attending. Due to the number of children we decided to make 4 bubbles with children in Year R and 1 making up one bubble; children in Year 2 making another; Year 3 and 4 making our third bubble and Year 5 and 6 making our fourth one. This will be consistent during the school day and include separate times on the playground and all children eating their lunch in class. Teachers and support staff are needing to be in everyday to support children in school. Teachers have been given time out of class to respond to work sent to them and to deliver live lessons so that your child can have daily contact with them. As you can predict, working in school and offering support at home is putting more pressure on teachers, so they may not reply instantly to any emails/messages sent or reply to work sent in.

### **Remote Learning**

Hopefully you have all now received your packs as all hands were on deck to get these out to you as soon as we could. Hopefully you are able to log in to Seesaw to access lessons. From Monday you will have an English and Maths task per day (which could be a live lesson), plus a topic/non-core lesson and some active activities also to complete. The government requirements for provision include up to 3 hours for Ks1 and 4 hours for Ks2. We will send out a weekly overview so you can see the sequence of lessons. Activities will pop into Seesaw every morning so they are easy to find. As I have said in previous emails, families will have many different circumstances and set-ups at home. Don't feel pressured to do all work provided but teachers would love to see the work your child is able to do. Work can be photographed, typed up or you can respond through video or audio. Teachers will give feedback to student's who post work or respond to the tasks set. Feedback includes liking a post, a written comment or a verbal comment through the recording feature. Click on the following link for guidance on using Seesaw at home- <https://youtu.be/Us2sOp9JQTE>.

Each week I will write a newsletter and teachers will nominate some children for producing some wow work in school and at home. This will be added to the newsletter like we have been doing with our achievers each week. I will also be posting a daily discussion on Seesaw. This will take have a focus of weekly news or an act of worship with support from Father Matthew (on a Thursday).



Live lessons will be run slightly differently than they did in lockdown 1. These will be more structured lessons and in smaller groups (between 8-12 children) to allow children to participate more easily in the session and won't include children who are in school already. Due to the numbers in school, Oak and Ash will have two phonics lessons a week and Elm and Birch will have Maths or English lessons. Zoom links will be sent to parents of Oak and Ash class and which group they are in. Elm and Birch all have Microsoft Teams accounts and can log-in there to access their live lesson. Miss Hirst has emailed all of Year 3/4 to practise logging in. Please email class teachers if you need any support with this.

These are approximate times as some sessions may run over by a few minutes.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:30 Elm 1 10:00- Elm 2	9:30 Ash 1 9:50- Ash 2	9:30 Elm 1 10:00- Elm 2	9:30 Ash 1 9:50- Ash 2	11:00- Birch 1 11:30-Birch 2
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### In School Notices

- Children will carry out similar lessons to those who are at home with some changes and additions due to the ability to support face-to-face.
- Children will need to wear school uniform with trainers every day- children can wear layers and extra fleeces to keep warm as classrooms need to be ventilated which means windows need to be opened during the day.
- Fresh Start are now offering a hot dinner option during this lockdown but this will be provided by the central hub as they have furloughed Polly due to the number of children wanting meals from Fresh Start. Please order in the same way by midnight each Tuesday.
- Children can swap books on Monday and Thursday but do not need to bring anything else into school apart from coat, gloves etc and a packed lunch if not booking a school lunch.
- Please continue to wear face-coverings during pick-up and drop-off. Children will continue to enter and exit the school through the office entrance as they have been doing this week.

### Wrap-around Care

- We will be able to continue to provide wrap-around care but due to staffing levels we will need to reduce the time we can offer this service.
- From next week after-school provision will be until 5pm.
- Parents will be able to book a mini or short session.
- Following the national guidance children will be kept in small, consistent groups with the same children each time, as far as this is possible but they won't necessarily be from the same bubbles due to the numbers attending.
- We will keep children apart as far as we can in the hall using minimal equipment which will be cleaned regularly.



## Covid-19- Symptoms

Please book a test if you or a member of your household are displaying symptoms. The main symptoms are a high temperature, a new continuous cough and/or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

Pupils must not come into the school if they have symptoms and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school. All children can be tested if they have symptoms, including children under 5, but children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their parents or carers if using a home testing kit. Self-isolate if you or your child have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), or if anyone in their household develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), or if they are required to do so having recently travelled from certain other countries.

1. If someone with symptoms tests negative for coronavirus (COVID-19), then they should stay at home until they are recovered as usual from their illness but can safely return thereafter. The only exception to return following a negative test result is where an individual is separately identified as a close contact of a confirmed case, when they will need to self-isolate for 10 days from the date of that contact.
2. If someone with symptoms tests positive, they should follow the [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#) and must continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 10-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should continue to self-isolate until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should all self-isolate for the full 10 days from the day after the individual tested positive.

As I have written in previous letters and emails, please contact us if you need any support with technology as we may be able to offer some devices to you. Hope you have a restful weekend and if you have any questions or queries don't hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Peter Smith



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