



# Coaley Church of England Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to see half the school return this week and to welcome Miss Rance to the Coaley school family too. She made quite an impression on us all on Monday and we look forward to seeing her return on Monday 13th. She struck such a positive chord with the children and I know she'll make a big impact on all the children at Coaley.

FoCS sent a letter out this week for you all to see and there are lots of proposed changes in the air. But having a vibrant and active PTA are integral to a successful school like Coaley. I'm looking forward to seeing FoCS grow again next year and to help provide all those wonderful finishing touches that make your child's time in school so special.

I wanted to help clarify as much as I can about some of the changes that we expect to see in September. As you can imagine, it is a long way off and we may be given more changes between now and then. However, the Government have given us a clear steer with regards to what they expect to see happening. I have included a link below of the latest updated guidance if any of you are interested in the 35-page DfE guidance; it makes a fascinating bedtime read!

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

A few main points you might be interested in from the guidance:

- We intend to return in September so that all children will come back in their class 'bubbles' full time from 2nd September. We will not be doing rotas or half classes
- We will minimise contact between classes during the day including lunch and playtimes
- We will be operating staggered start and finish times, as well as staggered lunch and playtimes, as we do now
- We are working with Caterlink who provide our school dinners and hope to offer hot school meals again. We will let you know in August the outcome of this
- We will set-up a system for us to teach your child remotely at home if we have to have any local lockdowns or have to close any class bubbles due to an outbreak
- We will be having our usual strict hygiene systems in place as we do now
- We will engage in the NHS test and trace process
- We will revisit our risk assessments and make sure that we have considered all the ways to keep your child and our school community safe
- Attendance at school will no longer be optional. We expect all children to return
- Children will be expected to wear school uniform again

- We are contacting our new into Reception children and parents with how the new openings will affect them
- Breakfast club will be opening for 5-mornings a week from September. I will let you know more about this nearer the time

I will send out a letter by 28th August with more details of start and pick-up times, as well as how we will operate, including how Breakfast club will look.

Richard Lucas  
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### Green fingered pupils

Thank you to Oscar, Sasha, Tess and their Dad for coming into school and planting some amazing vegetables. We now have courgettes, aubergines and sunflowers in the garden. It will be really exciting to watch them grow, and of course to eat them!

### Back to school

Half of the school population were back this week and there was a lot of fun and learning. The children were flying kites and producing lots of lovely work. Miss Hudson helped the keyworker children bury their time capsules ready for future Coaley students to discover. There was a sports theme as well with "sports day" held today and Olympic torches made.



**Proud Cloud Certificates:**

**Robins:** Ellie

**Owls:** William

**Values Certificates:**

**Robins:** Clementine

**Owls:** Amelia

**Growth Mindset Certificates:**

**Robins:** Esme for teaching others how to grow in confidence this week.

**Owls:** Bella for working really hard on your story writing this week. Well done!

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**We Respect**

**We Belong**