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Re-Opening FAQ

My child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 6. Do I have to send them back to school during their phased return?

No. We are currently only opening for those children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. You do not have to accept a place and can continue to keep your child at home. You will not be fined if you choose to do this.

I am a key worker. Will my child be with their own cohort or in the Key Worker group?

Your child will be with their own cohort unless you are accepting a place in our Key Worker group if you need more provision than the two days we currently offer. School will be open on a Wednesday for key workers only, if your child needs to attend on that day then they will be in the key worker group full time. This is to minimise different groups mixing wherever possible.

What if my child, someone in the household or staff member develops COVID-19 symptoms?

If a child or staff member develops symptoms compatible with Covid-19, they will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 7 days. If a child or staff member tests positive for coronavirus, the rest of their 'pod' within school will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that pod do not need to self-isolate unless the child subsequently develops symptoms.

When school is open to a wider cohort of children, all those children eligible to attend, and members of their households, will have access to testing (not in school) if they display symptoms of coronavirus (Test Result Help Desk: 0300 303 2713).

Will the children and staff need to wear PPE?

Health and Safety advice to staff is to wear face protection when working in situations where social distancing is not possible. Staff will also have access to gloves and aprons during the school day to reduce potential transmission.

Staff will wear a face mask and other forms of PPE, if a child becomes unwell with Covid-19 symptoms and needs direct personal care.

What happens if my child shows symptoms and has a test and it proves negative for Coronavirus?

In this instance we would welcome your child back to school but would need to see proof of their negative result in order to safeguard the other children.

If I don't accept a place now can I change my mind in a few weeks?

Yes, this is fine. We just ask that you give us notice and inform us in the week before you intend to return.

Will my child have their class teacher?

Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children will have their regular teaching staff that they are used to seeing. These staff will be split across the smaller bubbles. Key Worker children will be with members of staff that they have been familiar with over the past few months.

Will home learning continue if I choose to keep my child at home?

Yes. Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 will follow home learning plans that are set for their age range. Mrs. Simon be the Home Learning Link Teacher. She is attached to all classes on Class Dojo so can be contacted directly through that site.



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Will there be staggered drop off and pick up times?

Yes. The children will be assigned a drop off time and parents will be asked to leave their child at the drop zone and remain two meters away from other parents and staff. Each class will have their own drop off zone and will be using different doors to enter the school building. They will drop their child and leave via a one-way system. This will be the same at collection.

What hygiene practises will be put into place?

We have strict handwashing in place for all staff and pupils. Each bubble of 15 children will have access to their own toilets and sinks that will not be used by any other children. We have minimised the equipment available to children and kept it to either a named set which they will not share or equipment that will be washed/sterilised after each use.

We are asking your child to not bring anything except a water bottle and (if needed) a packed lunch in a disposable bag into school.

How will social distancing work with the younger children?

Children will always remain in their bubbles. They will have staggered break and lunch times so they are not mixing with other children. During the lunch break the children will have their own 'zone' to play in with only their bubble. Outdoors will be used as much as possible for teaching.

We will try our best to ensure that children follow social distancing whenever possible. We will reinforce rules throughout the school day. As we will have some very young children on site, it will be a challenge to guarantee social distancing and this is something you will need to weigh up when deciding whether to send your child back to school.

How will social distancing work inside the classroom?

Our classrooms can accommodate between 7 and 10 children under current health and safety regulations. The rooms have been arranged so that the children are seated at 2m apart at desks and/or carpet places. The children will remain with their bubble at all times and will not mix with other groups. This includes break times and access to outdoors.

The bubbles will have designated equipment which will not be shared with any other bubble and all equipment shall be cleaned at regular intervals through the day.

How will social distancing work in the playground?

Playtimes and lunchtimes will be staggered to limit the number of children outside and certain areas of the playground will be allocated to each bubble. Staff will be vigilant and support socially distanced play as best we can.

Hygiene rules will be applied as children re-enter the school building.

How will social distancing work in the dinner hall?

We will run a staggered lunch; the children will eat in bubble groups spaced across the lunch benches. Dinners will be served to the children so they don't have to line up.

All surfaces will be wiped down between bubbles entering the dining room to eat. Key Worker children and Year 6 will eat their lunch in the classroom.

How often will classrooms and equipment be cleaned?

A strict cleaning schedule will be followed to clean all areas and equipment regularly. Tables and equipment used in each teaching session will be cleaned at break time and lunch time and there will be thorough cleaning at the end of the day. Wednesday has been designated as an additional cleaning day when all classes will



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be thoroughly cleaned by the site cleaning team. On Wednesday, we will be open for Key Worker children only.

What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus at school?

If a child or staff member tests positive, the rest of their group/bubble will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. If your child is displaying symptoms in school, they will be looked after in the Community Room and you will be asked to collect them as soon as possible. Your child and household will then be required to self-isolate. All pupils and staff will be eligible for testing if they begin to show symptoms.

What happens if it's wet play?

The children will remain in their bubble, in their designated spaces and either watch a DVD or play games as they currently do.

Does my child bring their book bag as usual?

Children will not be allowed to bring anything into school other than their water bottle. Following guidance, we will not be sending reading or library books at this moment in time, so book bags are not needed.