



## **Wider opening of school**

Frequently asked questions

### **How will the school promote hygiene in school?**

Strict hand washing processes will be in place throughout school with children being reminded at a range of times throughout the day to wash their hands properly. In addition to this, hand sanitiser will be available in classrooms and around the school, particularly at main exits and entrances. Children will be monitored to ensure they are washing and sanitising their hands throughout the day, but especially when they have been outside, before and after eating. Tissue bins will be placed in each classroom to ensure children use them correctly and they are binned in a hygienic way. These will be emptied and disposed of each day and during the day, in line with Government and Trust advice. Posters will be placed above sinks and hand sanitiser to ensure that children are washing and sanitising effectively. Children will constantly be reminded of hygiene measures in a positive manner.

### **How will the school promote social distancing around school?**

Children will be encouraged wherever possible to keep a 2m distance from each other. Around school, posters and stickers are in the process of being placed to continually remind children to the necessity for this. It is understood by the Government that it will be difficult for younger children to socially distance from one another and the adults. We understand this, however, we will endeavour to remind the children of this best practice.

In all classrooms, children will be working at their own desk, with their own box of equipment; all desks have been placed at 2 metre distances. Additional measures are being put in place such as: limiting the number of adults on site; meetings will be arranged via telephone; emails will be used where possible; meetings kept to a minimum time; cashless system operating in school; parents drop off on the pedestrian path; cloakrooms not to be used; only essential visitors and contractors, who know the rules, will be allowed in school; each "bubble" of children will have their own separate area of the playground or field to use at breaktime and lunchtime.

### **How will my child enter and exit the school?**

Each class has been allocated a time to arrive at school, which will be staggered for groups of children. This is to minimise the amount of adults we have congregating on the school grounds at



the same time. Adults should enter the school grounds through the pedestrian gate and drop their child off at the bottom of the path, maintaining 2m social distancing. We will mark a distances of 2m on the path and we ask that you use these. Movement within school will be kept to a minimum as children will use their outside doors to go to outside and should only leave their classroom to use the toilets. This will be supervised.

### **How will the children be grouped?**

Children will be in groups of no more than 15 children. These will be called 'bubbles'. These bubbles will not be able to mix with another 'bubble'. Each 'bubble' will have its own areas within the school which is for their exclusive use. All pupils will have time to play and learn outside but only within their own 'bubble'. Each 'bubble' will have 2 adults allocated to them and these adults will only work with the one 'bubble' as long as staffing allows for this.

### **Will my child be in their normal classroom with their class teacher?**

As the children will be grouped into smaller groups your child may not be in their normal classroom, nor be working with their usual class teacher. The adults working within each group will have a good understanding of the expectations of that year group.

### **How will the classrooms be organised?**

Classrooms will be organised with tables which are 2m apart. Children will have a tray under their desk to keep their own belongings including their own book, pencil etc. Equipment should not be shared. Children will have time to be active throughout the day but will not be encouraged to be in close proximity to each other, keeping 2 metres away wherever possible. Each child to sit in a seating plan at a named desk.

### **Where will my children have their break time?**

Children will have staggered break times outside in a dedicated area for their group. They will be expected to stay in the given area and only play with the children within their 'bubble', socially distancing as much as possible.



### **Where will my child eat their dinner?**

Hot meals are currently not being provided. Children can either bring a packed lunch or a packed lunch provision provided by the school. This will be free to FS2 and Year One children and we would need to know on a weekly basis. Lunches will be delivered to each classroom and children will eat their dinner in their classroom at their dedicated desk with their nominated adults. Mid day supervisors will also be allocated a 'bubble'.

### **What curriculum will my child be following in school?**

A big focus for having children back in school is to ensure that basic skills are embedded ready for their next stage in learning. For example in Year 1 this would be a variety of activities consolidating basic maths skills, phonics and handwriting but will also allow for topic areas to be studied. The EYFS curriculum will be similar with phonics and reading being a priority alongside basic maths skills and social skills using 'outdoor learning wherever possible'. Teaching staff will not mark the work, pupils will self-mark. Year 6 pupils will focus on embedding key skills ready for secondary school. We are also working with our Secondary School Colleagues to provide transition activities for pupils.

### **How will social distancing be applied within the classroom and outside?**

Children and teachers will aim to keep a 2 metre distance from each other in school although we are aware this may not always be possible with younger children. If a child needs support with their work they would be able to have demonstrations from the front of the class or at a 2 metre distance. If a child needs first aid, the teacher may need to wear some form of PPE in order to be within a closer proximity to the child and this would only be worn when absolutely necessary.

### **How will my child access the toilets safely at school?**

Children will use the toilets on a 1 person basis to minimise the need for children to be together in smaller spaces. These will be cleaned throughout periods of the day.

### **If I decide not to send my child to school will I still get home learning tasks?**

The year groups who are not involved in the wider opening of school will continue to get the home learning tasks in the same way. However, since all staff will now be teaching each day, this will change in format; this will enable school to ensure we can staff each "bubble" effectively and to manage teacher workload. If your child's class is involved in the wider opening of school but you



decide not to send your child in, they will still be able to access home learning via the link sent each week.

**What happens if a child becomes ill with Covid-19 symptoms within school?**

If a child becomes ill within school, parents will be phoned to collect immediately. The child will be supervised by an adult in a dedicated room and isolated from others until collection. If a child then tests positive for the virus the 'bubble' of children and adults will need to isolate for 14 days. Any child who has covid-19 symptoms should not attend school and should seek a test. If a test is positive they should isolate for 7 days and anyone within their family should isolate for 14 days. Affected rooms will be closed for 72 hours and cleaned in accordance with COVID-19 guidance. If anyone in your family tests positive, then it is essential that you inform school immediately.

**What happens if I decide not to send my child who is in one of the dedicated year groups to school?**

All decisions about your children are fully respected and you are entitled to keep your child at home. There are no repercussions for not sending your child into school. You will not be fined.

**What if I have a problem, can I come into school to discuss this with the adult?**

Due to social distancing rules, we will encourage all contact with class teachers to be via class dojo or telephone.

**Will my child need to wear uniform?**

Children should wear their school uniform. However, they will not be changing for PE. Children should bring a pair of trainers to school for this purpose.

We hope the information above has provided you with sufficient information to help make a decision on whether you would like to send your child to school if your child is one of the eligible class groups.

**What should my child do if they feel unsafe in school?**

Your child should speak to the members of staff allocated to their bubble, who will then pass this onto Mr Tibble, Mrs Gibson and Mrs Walsh. Likewise, if your child tells you they feel unsafe, please contact the school office.



**Will you be taking children's temperature on entry to school?**

In line with Government guidance, ***“Routine testing of an individual's temperature is not a reliable method for identifying Coronavirus,”*** we will not be taking children's temperature on entry to school. However, if a child presents as ill during the day, we will take their temperature using infrared thermometers and this will be reported to you.

**Should my child wear a mask to school?**

In line with Government guidance, ***“wearing a face mask in school is not recommended. This is because young children will not handle them as directed which may inadvertently increase the risk of transmission,”*** there is no requirement for children to wear masks in school.

**Do I need to bring my child's home learning back to school?**

No. We are limiting the amount of resources which come into school. Therefore, please do not send any completed home learning into school at this time. The only items your child will need to bring to school are their filled water bottle, a packet of tissues, their lunch and a pair of trainers.

**Will arrangements change for the children of Key Workers?**

No. All existing arrangements remain in place.

**Schools being opened is 'conditional on both Government advice and the school being fully prepared'. The R rate isn't consistent and there is still a chance that school will not be opening on 1st June.**