

Summary of Guidance for full opening – September 2020

It is mandatory that all children must return to school in September 2020. Should you have any concerns about the return to school, please speak with us directly so we can help to address any concerns.

Prevention

Should your child show signs of Covid 19 symptoms or someone in their household does, please do not send them to school. The guidance states:

‘If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new, continuous 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 ‘stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed Covid 19 infection. This means that they must self-isolate for at least 7 days. Other members of the household (including siblings) should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.’

Whole classes of children should not be affected unless we have a positive test case in school.

If a child shows symptoms at school, they will be moved to the Head’s office with adult supervision and await collection. PPE will be worn by the staff caring for the child.

We will continue to regularly wash our hands throughout the day, more than usual and everyone will be encouraged to keep good respiratory hygiene by promoting the ‘Catch it, Bin it, Kill it’ approach.

We will all engage in the NHS Test and Trace and ask that parents do the same.

Staggered start and collection times

From September 8th, and until further notice, we will be operating a staggered start and finish time for the whole school. As we are a small school, we anticipate that all children will be in school in a 20-minute window. These staggered start times will ensure that the number of adults will be reduced as it is imperative that we continue to socially distance and we are unable to use the playground. As we only have one entrance to the school, we will continue to use the one way system for drop off at the front of the school We ask that parents and children stick to their timings closely and do not come early or late in order that this system runs smoothly.

When children arrive in the morning, someone will meet the Key Stage one children at the gate. Their siblings should line up with them and as the younger children are led into school, the older children should head straight to their Key Stage Two classroom Key Stage two children should head straight into school from 8.55am with parents once again using the one way drop off system We will not be asking Key Stage Two children to line up and parents should not gather at any time and, instead, keep things moving. Once your child has been dropped off, please leave the site as soon as possible.

When collecting, please wait behind the wall which is part of the school site. Children will not be sent out the gate onto the front of the school as this is the highway and we need to ensure that children are safely handed over to their parents. This procedure will be reviewed after the first week and will be changed if we feel that it is not working well.

Group	Drop off	Pick Up
Class 1 (EYFS and Year 1) and any Key Stage two siblings	8.45–8.50am	3.20pm
Class 2 (Year 1 and Year 2) any Key Stage two siblings	8.50 – 8.55am	3.25pm
Class 3 and 4	8.55 – 9.00am	3.30pm

Break times will also be staggered to ensure that classes do not come into close contact.

Teaching

Children will be taught in their own classes of no more than 30 and they will to the best of our ability remain in these ‘bubbles’ throughout the day. Children will be regularly reminded to wash their hands throughout the day. Siblings will be in their own classes as guidance allows them to be in separate bubbles.

Teachers and other staff are able to operate across different classes and year groups in order for the school curriculum to be delivered. Where staff need to move between ‘Bubbles’ they will try to keep their distance from pupils and other staff as much as they can. We know that this is not always possible, particularly when working with younger children but where possible adults will ensure that this happens.

We will continue to avoid large gatherings and assemblies will be class led assemblies rather than whole school.

Whilst passing in the corridor is seen as low risk, we will timetable movement around school to ensure that this is kept to a minimum.

The curriculum will remain broad and balanced with a focus on the core subjects and addressing the gaps in pupils’ knowledge. Focus on the return in September will be on the children’s health and well-being. Teachers will ensure they have a good understanding of the gaps in children’s knowledge and these will be addressed. We are awaiting more detail on the ‘Catch-up funding’ from the government but be assured that this will be used to support all children.

Due to the ‘Bubbles’ it is likely that after school clubs will not be able to take place with the current restrictions.

Equipment

Pupils must limit the amount of equipment which they bring into school each day. Please ensure that your child only brings – a lunch box (if required), coat, reading bag and PE

bag (on PE days). Whenever possible, PE will be undertaken outside so please ensure that your child has a suitable PE kit.

For equipment used frequently in class such as pencils and pens, each child will receive their own items which they will keep at their own desk. Children in Key Stage Two are asked, where possible, to bring their own equipment in their own pencil case to ensure that they only use their own things. Any resources shared between classes such as sports or science equipment will be cleaned between use or rotated to ensure 72 hours between use.

Classes will allocate their own day to change reading books and they will be cleaned before being returned to the bookshelf.

EVERY child in school **MUST** have their own water bottle which will be sent home daily to be cleaned and refilled.

Uniform

We will be back to normal uniform in September

Lunches

School will be offering school meals again from the start of term. Normal provision for Free School Meals (including Universal school meals for Key Stage 1) will apply.

The details of lunch time are still in the process of being finalised, but lunches will be staggered so that only two bubbles are within the school hall at lunchtime (separated). The hall is large enough to ensure that the two bubbles are at least two metres apart. The school will have sole use of the hall for a period of time.

Visitors on site

Only essential visitors will be allowed in school. Please continue to contact the school using email and telephone. Should you wish to speak with a staff member, this must be arranged via the school office.

We ask that only one adult drops off and collects their child(ren).