



Plans for the reopening of school in September 2020

Once again, I would like to say, 'thank you' to all our parents and families for your kindness, understanding and support during these very challenging times.

Since the government announced its plans for reopening of primary schools from September 2020 we have been working to make sure that school is fully prepared to welcome our children back, making the safety of our children, our staff and all of our families our top priority.

It is important to recognise that attendance at school is a mandatory requirement and all legislation regarding this will be applicable from September.

As stated, the safety and welfare of the children, staff and families is of paramount importance and whilst we are eager to get our children back to school and education, we need to ensure that this is not putting anyone at increased risk of infection from Covid-19 at this time. As you can appreciate, no school can guarantee 100% safety from the virus, but we have taken advice from government and Public Health England to put all necessary risk assessments and safety precautions in place. The Government have produced information for parents which you can access by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

Social Distancing and consistent groups

The Government accept that social distancing in primary schools is not practically possible:

We recognise that younger children will not be able to maintain social distancing, and it is acceptable for them not to distance within their group.

In reality, this means that each phase (Early Years/ Infants/ Lower Juniors /Upper Juniors) will operate as a separate 'bubble'. During the day, every effort will be made to ensure these bubbles remain separate. There is clearly some merit in this however the arrangement does have its limitations. For example; in the case of wrap around care; it could be the case that thirty children who have potentially been in four different bubbles during the day access After School Club and are in close proximity to each other. Parents need to consider this in deciding whether to use the clubs.

- Groups of children will be supervised by the same adults as much as possible.
- Staggered pick up and drop off times
- Separate outside play areas
- Windows and doors will be opened to improve ventilation and to reduce contact points when moving around school. There will be lots of opportunities for outdoor learning
- PPE in every classroom (e.g. gloves, soap, paper towels, antibacterial wipes)
- An isolation room has been set aside for use if a child becomes unwell in school. Parents will be asked to collect the child immediately.
- If a child becomes unwell, with COVID symptoms, their 'bubble' will be asked to stay away from school until a test has been administered and the results obtained
- Children **do not need to wear masks**
- Adults do not need to wear masks unless administering first aid
- Regular handwashing throughout the day

- **All children in Years 1-6** should bring in a water bottle with their name clearly labelled. The water fountains will not be accessible at this time.
- Book bags should be brought in as usual. Returned books will be quarantined for 72 hours before being used again. Only the reading book and reading record should be inside the book bags.
- A snack may be brought in but this will be kept in their own personal tray rather than centrally located (as it was before lockdown in the Infants classes for ease of access at breaktime)
- Children will eat in various parts of the building and school meals will be brought to them to reduce movement around school. If the weather is nice, the children may eat outside
- staggered movement around school to minimise contact in corridors
- Introduction of toilet passes (one child at a time in toilets)
- Allocated toilets to each year group
- Only one adult to pick up and drop off. **Parents will need to assume responsibility for ensuring that current social distancing guidelines are adhered to during these times**
- Adults must only come into the foyer to speak with office staff if absolutely necessary. Glass partition will remain closed. – Phone calls/emails are encouraged
- This list is not exhaustive and will be adjusted accordingly over time and in response to the age and number of children attending school.

Equally, as a school, we ask that parents also do their utmost to keep our school community safe. **If your child or anyone in your household displays any symptoms please do not send your child to school.**

Dropping off and Picking up

Arrivals and departures from school – staggered to encourage social distancing.

(Bubble 1) EYFS NAM 8.50am-11.50am.

Reception 8.50am 3pm NPM 12.30pm- 3.30pm.

Children should be taken to the EYFS playground to be dropped off and picked up from there also. Parents should exit via the route they came in. **One adult per child please.**

(Bubble 2) Year 1 & Year 2 9.05am -3.15pm

Children should be taken to the class entrances at the back of school playground to be dropped off and picked up from there also. Parents should exit via the route they came in. **One adult per child please.**

(Bubble 3) Year 3 & Year 4 9.05am -3.15pm

Children should be taken to the Junior playground to be dropped off and picked up from there also. Parents should exit via the route they came in. **One adult per child please.**

(Bubble 4) Year 5 & Year 6 8.50am-3pm

Children should be taken to the Junior playground to be dropped off and picked up from there also. Parents should exit via the route they came in. **Adults should not need to accompany their children beyond the school gate.**

Breakfast and After School Clubs will both reopen on Monday the 7th of September

Children will be accessing the BC and ASC each day having been part of various separate 'bubbles' during the day. The Government are proposing that *...if it is not possible to maintain bubbles being used during the school day then schools should use small consistent groups.*

We will operate the ASC and BC as discrete bubbles but we will be spreading out from the confines of the base into the hall to maximise distancing and minimise social interactions. **The capacity of the clubs will be limited to 30 places on a first come first served basis. Places need to be booked in advance of the day required.**

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