

## **Frequently Asked Questions for parents for reopening of some year groups to pupils.**

### **Will my child be taught by my class teacher?**

Due to the maximum group size our risk assessment has identified, to ensure we can achieve social distancing as far as possible, classes will be taught in groups of no more than 10. Also, we have a number of staff who are currently unable to attend school. This means that it is very likely that your child will not be with their current class teacher or TA.

### **What will happen to the current group of vulnerable children and children of key workers?**

These children will continue to attend school although they will be in classes with their peers if their year group is one of the classes to reopen.

### **Can you guarantee my child will not catch coronavirus?**

No, we can't. We can minimise the risk through the range of protective measures we are putting in place but we cannot guarantee that children or adults will not become infected at school.

### **When will the school reopen for my child?**

We want the children to return to school as soon as it is safe to do so. This will start with smaller numbers of children, beginning with some or all children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 on 8th June 2020 with a view to children in Year 6 possibly returning at some point before the end of term. The dates are dependent on further Government guidance. The Government's ambition is that all children may return before the end of term.

### **Will my child miss out on new learning if they do not attend?**

No. Home learning provision will continue but not necessarily in the same format. We ask parents to appreciate that staff will be balancing looking after increased numbers of children in school with setting home learning and responding to queries.

### **Will children receive the same lessons in school and at home?**

Home learning provision will continue for all children who are not at school. We will not be following the usual school curriculum.

### **How will my child be grouped?**

Having assessed the size of classrooms, we will be putting children in groups of no more than 10 to ensure that we are providing every possible opportunity for social distancing to be maintained. There will be a small number of adults allocated to each group and children and adults in these "bubble" will not mix with any other group. We will always act with the child's best interests at heart. We will continue our provision for vulnerable children and children of key workers.

### **How will social distancing be maintained?**

We will do this by keeping the maximum group or "bubble" size to 10. Parents are asked to go through this with their children before they return. We will also be teaching the children about this on their return to school. Although we will be keeping this as a focus throughout the day, we recognise that the younger children will find this difficult. The DfE guidance recognises that schools cannot guarantee that social distancing will be maintained throughout the day.

**How will my child be supported to practise social distancing?**

We will revise, with children, about why social distancing is important, and go through strategies for maintaining it. We will also give regular reminders, including signs around school.

**What are the arrangements for additional cleaning?**

Staff will ensure regular cleaning of classrooms and contact points throughout the day and cleaners will continue to do a thorough clean of the building at the end of the day.

**Hand washing and hygiene - how often will children be washing hands ?**

Children will be required to wash/ sanitise their hands regularly. Adults will also be maintaining this.

**What time will the school day start and finish? Will there be staggered start and finishing times?**

There will be a need for a staggered start and finish times for different groups to reduce contact between groups and maintain social distancing. In the early stages, we need to make careful observations of groups coming in to school with a view to making changes if necessary.

**How will I pick up and drop off my child adhering to Social Distancing?**

A different entry point to the school may be allocated to a group. Nursery will use their main entrance, Reception will use the Reception entrance and playground, Year 1 and Key Worker group will use the main entrance and playground.

**Will my child be in school every day?**

The current arrangements will be

**Nursery:** Monday to Friday - am only.

**Keyworker group, Reception and Year 1:** Monday to Friday (**NB – Friday is am only**)

**Please note**, that your child will only be in school if you have arranged this with us previously and you have been allocated a place

**My child has siblings in other year groups. Will they be able to attend as well?**

No. The only exception is if they are in the vulnerable category or you are a Key Worker.

**Does my child have to attend school?**

No. We recognise that this is an anxious time for parents and there are still many questions unanswered. Parents will not be fined. We will continue to keep in touch with those children not attending.

**We are Key Workers and will my child need to attend?**

The list for this has not changed. If you are a Key Worker and have no alternative arrangements for looking after your child, you will need to talk to us school about a place.

**How will playtimes and lunchtimes be organised?**

Playtimes, lunchtimes and time outside will be staggered to ensure that children in “bubbles” don’t mix. Where more than one group is outside, groups will be kept apart using zoning.

**Will you be providing lunches?**

If your child usually has a school meal, we will be providing one for them. If your child is entitled to free school meals they will not need to pay, but if you usually pay for meals, you will continue to do so, as normal. If you normally give your child sandwiches, you can continue to do so. If your child is not attending and you are entitled to vouchers for meals, you will continue to receive them. If they are entitled to vouchers for meals but are attending school you will not receive the vouchers as we will be providing this meal.

**Do I have to make a final decision now about my child attending?**

We have asked parents to give us an indication about whether their child will be attending. The plans to re-open for Key Workers on June 1<sup>st</sup> and Nursery, Reception and Year 1 on June 8<sup>th</sup>, are based on the numbers given. If you change your mind either way please ring the office to let us know. We must know how many children are coming in to be able to plan groups.

**Will staff be wearing masks?**

No, but PPE will be used in the event of dealing with any child or member of staff displaying symptoms of Covid-19.

**Will children have to wear masks?**

No.

**Will children be able to wear their own face masks?**

No. Based on DfE guidance supported by scientists, there is evidence that masks worn incorrectly can increase the risk of infection to the wearer and are therefore not suitable for children.

**How do I contact staff?**

School staff can be contacted by telephoning the school office. Face to face meetings will not be taking place.

**Will my child be comforted if they are upset?**

Yes - being mindful of social distancing and limiting physical contact.

**What will happen if my child needs first aid?**

They will be given first aid, although staff will be wearing appropriate PPE.

**Will wrap around care be provided?**

No.

**What happens if my child displays symptoms?**

It is extremely important that you do not send your child in to school if they have any of the COVID 19 symptoms. This is:

- a dry continuous cough
- high temperature/fever
- loss of taste and/or smell.

If he or she does display symptoms you should get them tested as soon as possible and isolate for 14 days and inform the school. You should provide the school with evidence of the negative test result should you wish your child to return to school.

**What if a child or staff member becomes ill at school?**

If your child displays symptoms in school we will isolate them immediately and contact parents to arrange for them to be sent home.

**When will the school be reopening to more classes/ groups?**

We are looking forward to all children returning to school as soon as it is safe to do so. We will continually be reviewing our plans in response to any further updates and guidance and will let parents know as soon as we are ready to take the next steps.

**What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus in a setting?**

We will follow guidance from the DfE and Public Health England:

Implementing protective measures in education