

Parent Fact Sheet – frequently asked questions



<p>In the classrooms</p>	<p>How will the classroom be set up? How will social distancing work with young children?</p>	<p>We are working to minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible.</p> <p>Children will be in class “pods”, with their teacher and TA.</p> <p>Where possible pods will be kept apart so that there is little risk of cross contamination between bubbles.</p> <p>Where it is necessary for staff to move between bubbles distancing will be maintained where ever possible.</p> <p>Within a bubble, social distancing will be encouraged as appropriate to the age and needs of the child.</p> <p>Desks will be forward facing and face to face contact will be kept to a minimum.</p>
<p>Grouping the children</p>	<p>Will they have their usual teacher / teaching assistant? Will this remain consistent?</p>	<p>Children will be arranged in their new classes for September.</p> <p>Where ever possible they will be taught by their teacher however, there are some teachers across the school who still need to work outside of pods, adhering to strict social distancing for medical reasons.</p> <p>Emails have been sent out to let you know who will be teaching your child in September.</p>

<p>Lunchtime</p>	<p>What will happen at lunch time?</p> <p>Will I still receive Free School Meals vouchers?</p> <p>Will the children be able to play with their friends?</p>	<p>Children entitled to free school meals or Infant school meals will be provided with lunch.</p> <p>Initially our school kitchens will only be producing packed lunches, in order to help us reduce the risk of infection. A menu will be provided once available.</p> <p>Parents/carers of pupils within KS2 who are not entitled to free school meals will be able to order and pay for packed lunches in the normal fashion.</p> <p>Meals will be eaten in the classroom with the children in the pod.</p> <p>The government are no longer providing Free School Meals vouchers or food parcels.</p> <p>Children will go outside to play at break and lunch (weather permitting) with the children in their pod.</p> <p>Break and lunchtimes will be staggered so that children will not come into contact with children in other bubbles.</p>
<p>Drop off, pick up</p>	<p>How will pick up/ drop off work? Would I be able to bring other children with me to pick up the one in school?</p>	<p>Pick up and drop off times are included on a separate sheet. If you have a sibling in another pod, both children can come at the earlier time and both be collected at the earlier time.</p> <p>To safeguard our children and staff and minimise the risk of any virus transmission, we will not be allowing parents to enter the school building.</p> <p>Children must be brought to school by one adult only, who should wait with their child outside their designated entrance. A staff member will greet them and call them in one at a time.</p> <p>Staff will come outside at the appropriate time and will call children to enter / leave</p>

		<p>once they have identified the person collecting.</p> <p>When picking up or dropping off, please do not congregate in groups and please try to maintain social distancing at all times.</p>
Communication	<p>How can I communicate with the teacher?</p> <p>Will I be allowed into the classroom to settle them in the morning?</p>	<p>Should you need to speak to a member of school staff please do not come into school but call to prearrange a meeting. Meetings will be undertaken either by phone, online, or where it must be face-to-face, in a safe socially-distanced manner.</p> <p>Parents will not be allowed into classrooms.</p>
Times of the day	<p>What time will school start / finish?</p> <p>Will the school open for the full day?</p>	<p>See attached sheet.</p> <p>All children will be expected to return to school for the full day, all week.</p>
Testing for Covid 19	<p>Will all staff and children be tested?</p> <p>What happens if someone in the school tests positive?</p>	<p>If a member of staff or child tests positive for Covid-19 we will follow Public Health England advice and communicate with parents accordingly.</p> <p>Children should not be sent into school if they are unwell. Any child who presents with a cough or fever will be sent home.</p> <p>Should you, your child or another member of your household develop potential COVID-19 symptoms, you must self-isolate immediately and please ensure that you inform the school as soon as possible. The</p>

	<p>What should I do if my child has symptoms of Covid -19?</p>	<p>self-isolation period lasts for 7 days for the person who is unwell, 14 days for the family.</p> <p>All children who are attending school, and their families, will be eligible for COVID-19 testing should they develop symptoms.</p>
<p>Hygiene and cleaning</p>	<p>How will cleaning be managed?</p> <p>Will all children be supervised regularly washing their hands? Will hand sanitiser be available?</p> <p>Can my child bring in a favourite toy?</p> <p>Does my child need PE kit?</p> <p>What about other equipment?</p>	<p>Our school is undergoing a more rigorous cleaning schedule to ensure that all high-risk areas such as door handles, handrails etc. are being cleaned and disinfected on a regular basis throughout the day.</p> <p>Children's personal hygiene routines will be enforced as an integral part of their day.</p> <p>Each class will have hand sanitizer which will be dispensed sparingly.</p> <p>We would encourage all parents to access the eBug learning resources to help prepare children for their return to school.</p> <p>No toys or personal items will be allowed into school.</p> <p>Children do not need to bring PE kit, on days where they have PE they will be allowed to wear their PE kit to school. There will be a temporary relaxation in school uniform for footwear and children can wear trainers on non PE days to support daily physical activity.</p> <p>Children can bring water bottles, packed lunches and return reading books. One small bag to contain these items will be permitted.</p>
<p>PPE</p>	<p>Will staff wear PPE?</p> <p>Will the children have to wear masks?</p>	<p>Wearing a face covering or face mask is not recommended, except where a child becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus at school, in which case the supervising adult should wear PPE if they cannot maintain a 2 metre distance.</p>

		<p>Staff may wear PPE when providing intimate care.</p> <p>The guidance specifically states that there are a number of alternative protective measures that should be taken instead which should reduce any concerns eg washing hands, cleaning surfaces, use of 'catch it, bin it, kill it' for coughs and sneezes.</p>
Uniform	<p>Will they need to wear school uniform?</p> <p>Will I need to wash their clothes every day?</p>	<p>Children should attend school in full uniform.</p> <p>Uniforms do not need to be cleaned any more often than usual, nor do they need to be cleaned using methods which are different from normal.</p>
Learning	<p>Will home learning resources continue?</p> <p>How will you help my child to catch up on any learning missed?</p>	<p>All children should return to school in September. We will therefore not be setting home learning resources for all children.</p> <p>Where children need to stay at home because they are self-isolating or have been advised to by their specialist health care professional the school will continue to support learning at home.</p> <p>We know that as families you will have worked hard to maintain education whilst achieving a balance within your home lives. Our teachers are highly skilled at assessing the needs of individual children within the classroom and will ensure that they start the learning at the stage the children need, providing support and guidance where needed to fill any gaps.</p> <p>We are confident that the vast majority of children will settle back into the school routine and will be back on track in their learning quickly. Where we identify that children may need a bit of extra support this will be managed by the class teacher</p>

		through the use of pre and post teach groups.
Personal care and pastoral needs	How will you comfort my child if they need it?	It will not always be possible to maintain social distancing at school and whilst this is important, the emotional needs of children are important too.
Attendance	<p>Will attendance be compulsory?</p> <p>What if my child had been advised to 'shield'.</p> <p>How will you support my anxious child to return?</p>	<p>School is fully open and all children should return.</p> <p>The government has advised us that from 1st August all advice to shield will be paused. This means that the vast majority of pupils should be able to return to school in September.</p> <p>If you are concerned about your child due to specific medical reasons please talk to your specialist health care professional and Mr Illsley who will be happy to work with you to assess the best course of action for your child.</p> <p>After an extended period of absence it is only natural that some children may be worried. If you have particular concerns about your child please talk to your child's teacher.</p>