



## **Returning to School Parent Handbook**

This booklet has been written to give parents the details of what the school has done to make it as safe as possible for children to return to continue their development.

Our overriding priority is the safety and health of the children, families and staff within the school community. Every decision that we have made and every procedure we have put in place has this at the forefront. This means that there may be systems that we have put into place that may make some things trickier. However, they are there for everyone's safety and health.

**We will expect all families who choose to return to school to closely follow all social distancing rules inside and outside of school for the safety of everybody.**



Please take time to read the information carefully.

# Why can more children go to school?



It's good for your child's mental wellbeing



It's good for children to socialise with other children



School is the best place for them to learn

## What has changed?



Reception	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Year One	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Year Two	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Year Three	<input type="checkbox"/>	Year Four	<input type="checkbox"/>	Year Five	<input type="checkbox"/>	Year Six	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Schools have been asked to welcome back fewer year groups; this allows us to make groups smaller and implement new health and safety measures. For the new intake from 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020 we are only welcoming back children from Reception and Year 1. Further children may return from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

## What about their brothers and sisters?



Only children in the year groups above with ticks may attend school



Children in Year 2 to Year 5 **must** stay at home

# How are you making sure that the school is safe?



We will continue to evaluate the risk when we open the school



Our school will be cleaned more frequently



Children will be organised into 'bubbles' of no more than 12 and remain with the same staff all day



Everyone will wash their hands frequently



If a child or someone in their household is sick, they cannot come to school



We will make changes to the school day

## Attendance

### Does my child have to come into school?



You **will not** be fined if your child does not attend school

### What if I change my mind?

If you have a change of mind that is fine – call the school office and let them know. You will then get a chance again to re-join from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Please note that children are expected to attend full-time Monday-Friday: 9am – 3.15pm (you will be given a drop-off /pick-up time).

## School Meals

### Will my child have a school dinner?



There will be no hot dinners being served.



Children can bring in a packed lunch from home.



Children can order a cold packed lunch from the kitchen by telling their teacher in the morning.



All children need to bring in a filled up water bottle.

Children in Reception and Year 1 are entitled to a free packed lunch – orders are taken on the day and our Catering Team makes the lunch on the school premises.

### Will I have to pay for a school packed lunch?



Children in Years R, 1 and those in KS2 who are eligible for free school meals will not need to pay for their lunch.



All other children in KS2 will need to pay for their packed lunch. Please book and pay via ParentPay.

### Snacks

We are not receiving fruit deliveries at the moment – please provide your child with a **healthy** snack for the morning and afternoon (we are finding that they are hungry as when at home they can eat more often!). **No chocolate items please** – fruit / vegetable sticks – see our snack policy. Lunches will be eaten outdoors (weather permitting) or in the classroom.

## What else will be different?



The **School Office** will be manned on a skeleton staff – one member of staff will be in the office to answer the telephone, pick up emails. Please make sure we have your latest contact details.

Our **Early Morning** and **After School Clubs** are not open at this time



School uniform should be worn and laundered frequently.

We are allowing '**dress down Friday**' when pupils can wear home clothes (sensible footwear – no sandals or flip-flops please)

## Drop Off / Pick Up from School

You will receive a letter detailing the drop off and pick up procedures that need to be in place for the safety of the school and local community.



## **Be socially safe**

- All visitors to the school site are expected to adhere to the 2m social distancing rule.
- Please pay careful attention to the new signs around the site and maintain your distance from other parents and staff.
- No parents or carers will be allowed into the school building.

## **Increased hygiene**

- Children and adults should continue to use the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' message if they cough or sneeze. There are tissues in each class and a lidded bin.

- Hand sanitiser units are now installed around school
- Regular cleaning takes place – surfaces, touch points and resources
- Signs around school to alert pupils and staff to wash hands regularly.



## **What will happen in a bubble?**



There will be 2 'bubbles' and children will be taught in these bubbles by the same teaching teams; children cannot mix across bubbles and it is important that children understand that they must stay in the areas they are asked to. Children will be asked to wash their hands frequently. **Our experience over the last 2 weeks has been that our young pupils cannot adhere to social distancing – they are young and thrive on interaction. We do ask them to be aware that adults may not get as close as they normally do. It is very important that you are aware of this and are not expecting us to enforce social distancing – if this is a concern, you should not send your child into school.**



Please note that due to staff challenges bubbles are manned by an experienced team – both Mrs Brown and Mrs Lane are Higher Level Teaching Assistants. Mrs Lyle and Mrs Coupe are trained teachers although their role in school is that of a Teaching Assistant. These teams cannot be changed and will remain the same.

Bubble 1 Reception	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Mrs Lyle Mrs Coupe	Mrs Mulford Mrs Stennulat			Mrs Stennulat Mrs Lyle

The Reception Bubble will be located in our Foundation Stage Classroom

Bubble 2 Year 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Mrs Brown Mrs Lane Mrs Wilson	Mrs Brown / Mrs Lane			Mr Harris Ms Field

The Year 1 Bubble will be located in our Year 2/3 Classroom

Reception children will have access to the Foundation Class outdoor area and part of the back playground/field. These children will use the toilets in their classroom.

Year 1 children will have an outdoor area created in the Reflection Garden and will also use another part of the school field. Children in this bubble will use the toilets outside our Year 4 classroom.

There is clear signage for moving around the school and the teaching team will support children to become familiar with our new routines.

## What will my child be learning?



We return to school from something we have never been through before. We acknowledge that all children will have had different experiences during lockdown. Some will be keen to get back into school and 'get back on with things', whilst others will need a more gradual approach and will need some time invested in dealing with any emotions they may be feeling. We will listen to the children and respond in a sensitive and appropriate way.



Children will broadly be following the remote learning we provide via our website. This will be supplemented with project based work.

There will time spent outside with PE equipment set aside for each bubble.

There will opportunities to learn outside of the classroom too.

I hope parents will understand that there are challenges to working in the 'new normal' and that we have carried out the necessary risk assessments and that these are now in place and the current arrangements will stay in place until the next review on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Needless to say, we revisit and review the day to day running of the school on a frequent basis.

## What happens if there is a case of Coronavirus in the school?



The person with symptoms must self isolate for 7 days



The people they live with must self isolate for 14 days



If anyone in their 'class' tests positive, the whole class must self isolate for 14 days





## Can my child be tested?



Yes, if your child shows symptoms of Coronavirus they will be able to be tested. You can book a test by going to the following website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-for-coronavirus/>

## What happens if a member of staff is ill in my child's bubble?

If members of staff from the bubble are absent, we will have to close the bubble and the children in that bubble will have to remain at home. Parents and carers will be informed of this at the earliest opportunity.

Please ensure you advise the School Office if you or anyone in your household has symptoms of Corona Virus. Please also advise us if you are contacted by NHS Track and Trace and asked to isolate.