



## Plan for Full Return to School September 2020



Following the announcement that all children will be expected to be in school from the start of the Autumn Term, we have created plans, in line with recommendations from the Department for Education, to help ensure that the school site is as safe and accessible as is possible, whilst still providing a high level of both care and education. This document is aimed to provide all parents and carers with all necessary information to both reassure of all measures being taken and inform of arrangements which may be slightly different.

The main thing to note is that schools have been asked to operate with children in set groups, or 'bubbles' as they are referred to. Our decision is to operate year groups, rather than classes, as 'bubbles' to allow for us to maintain our ability to provide our full curriculum. As such, year groups will share the same breaktimes, arrival times and departure times. They will also have consistent staff members with them (although it is permitted for staff to cross into other 'bubbles' as identified on DfE guidance).

### Arrival and Departure From the School Site

As at present, we will be operating a 'one way' system in and out of the school site. Key Stage Two (Years Three, Four, Five and Six) will access the site through the 'lower' vehicle gate. Years 5 and 6 will follow the driveway through the car park and towards the cycle storage area. They will then access the playground whereupon they will enter the school through the appropriate classroom door. Year 3 and 4 will follow the driveway, turning left onto the footpath just prior to the car park. They will then enter their classrooms also through the appropriate door.

Children in Reception, Year One and Year Two will enter through the 'upper' vehicle gate and make their way to the appropriate classroom doors.

Children attending Nursery will enter and exit through the Nursery gates, again taking care to ensure distancing is appropriately maintained.

To leave, everybody will be directed through the pedestrian gate, taking care to maintain appropriate distancing between one another. To help alleviate any congestion, we will be having staggered start and finish times which we ask are closely adhered to.

Of course, vehicular access to the school site will not be permitted between 8.30am and 9.10am and then between 2.30pm and 3.35pm to provide safe access.

We ask that only one adult enters the site to drop off and collect, again to restrict numbers of people on the premises.

Parents and carers will not gain access to the building unless prior arrangements have been made.

YEAR / TA ALLOCATED	START TIME	END TIME
6	8.30	2.50
5	8.40	3.00
4	8.50	3.10
3	9.00	3.20
2	8.40	3.00
1	8.50	3.10
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N am	8.30	11.30
N pm	12.30	3.30

Upon arrival into the classroom, all children will be provided with hand sanitiser.

#### School Uniform

All children will be expected to wear full school uniform, including footwear (please refer to the uniform policy if you are unsure of these requirements). However, on days where children have PE, they may wear their kit to school inclusive of trainers). This will limit the amount of equipment which is needed to be brought in from home and, for older children, it will remove the need to change in an alternative location within the school. **HOWEVER, A SCHOOL SWEATSHIRT / JUMPER SHOULD BE WORN.**

#### Equipment to Be Brought Into School

Although guidance states that children may bring in stationery from home, this is not standard procedure here. Because of this, **all stationery will be provided by the school for the INDIVIDUAL USE of each child.** Books can be sent home as can homework tasks (although it is possible, now that we have access to increased online platforms, that some homework may be completed electronically). Children are also, as always, able to bring in an appropriate snack for breaktimes as well as a packed lunch if this is their preferred option.

#### Classroom Set-Up

Children will be seated side by side, in rows, facing towards the front of the classroom, the rationale for this being that they will not have 'face to face' contact. Adults are advised to minimise the time spent within a proximity of one metre to children and two metres from other adults. Children should not be touching one another at any time (although for some, this will be difficult). Staff will make best endeavour to ensure that children maintain appropriate distancing.

Because of the way the school day has been planned, there will be no significant loss to the amount of teaching time children receive. Further to this, a full broad and balanced curriculum will be provided.

#### Breaktimes

These will operate on a staggered basis where only one 'bubble' accesses any one outdoor space at a time. We are fortunate that we have a large field, three playgrounds, a Reception outdoor area and a Nursery outdoor area. Staff are to be carefully deployed to ensure that staggered breaktimes operate for each 'bubble' and these breaks are accounted for within the make up of the day.

### Lunchtimes

We will have limited capacity to offer lunches made on our site. However, we will not, in the first instance, be able to offer a 'canteen style' option, nor can we provide hot lunches. In consultation with our providers, it has been decided that 'sandwich' type lunches will be offered. Children will be asked to give their preferred choice of sandwich at registration time and then these will be delivered to the classroom where children will have their lunch. Due to the restrictions in place, it will not be practical to use the dining hall. These time will also be staggered and essentially split into two parts, the time spent eating lunch and time spent on their actual 'break'.

### Breakfast Club

Following careful consideration, it has been decided that we can operate this facility. In order to maintain 'bubbles', children from different year groups will be seated at different tables. It is essential that children who wish to access this are booked in with a minimum of twenty four hours' notice.

### Attendance

It is expected that all children attend school with the usual exception, such as illness. As always, if your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please contact the school office to inform us of this.

Plans, by their very nature, are constantly open to evaluation, review and amendment. Should it appear that something could be made to work better, the plan will be adjusted as best appropriate. Further, this will also be the case should guidance also change. The welfare of our school community will, of course, be at the centre of all decisions made.