

Returning to School after Covid 19 Closure



Guidance for Keeping Safe in School

Introduction

Your child's experience at school will not be the same as it was before COVID-19. The protection of all members of our community will be our overriding priority and we will use our best endeavours to provide a safe environment for pupils and staff. However, no environment is, or can be, entirely without risk. It is likely that some staff will be absent, perhaps because they are unwell or have family members at home who are being shielded. Your child may not be taught by their usual teacher. The curriculum taught in the school is also likely to be limited compared to what was provided prior to closure. Some areas of the school site might not be used and routines will be different, in order to promote 'social distancing.' The ways in which teaching assistants and others support pupils will also inevitably change.

However, we also know that children are amazingly resilient and will quickly get used to the new routines. They will adapt to the new measures probably much easier than most adults! Our aim is to make school the most exciting, fun and happy place for our children to be, outside of their home environment. We look forward to welcoming our children back.

School Arrival – staggered start times

- One parent only to drop off and must maintain 2 metres from all other adults and children in the vicinity.
- Parents will not enter the school building unless asked to do so by a member of staff
- Year 6 are encouraged to walk all or part of the way to school and parents will not enter the premises
- Children will enter school through the door of their classroom
 - Hedgehogs enter through the village hall side gate
 - Swifts enter through car park and walk round to back door of school
 - Bees enter through car park and enter through outside classroom door
 - Butterflies enter through porch and enter through outside classroom door
- In each year group there will be staggered start times:
 - Group A – arrive at 8.45am Group B – arrive at 9.00am
 - You will be informed of the start time for your family
- On arrival children will:
 - wash hands
 - confirm with teacher they have no symptoms



If there are any concerns whatsoever we may refuse entry on the grounds of safety of the group. If this is the case, we greatly appreciate parent's cooperation in this matter.

School Departure

- Parents will be required to follow the markings on the ground which will indicate a 2m social distance.
- Children will wash their hands before leaving the premises
- Year 6 are encouraged to walk all or part of the way home and parents will not enter the premises
- Children will exit school through the door of their classroom

- Hedgehogs - through the village hall side gate
- Swifts - through car park
- Key Worker and Vulnerable Group - through car park
- Butterflies - through porch
- In each year group there will be staggered finish times:
 - Group A – leave at 2.45am Group B – leave at 3.00pm
- We will ensure families will have the same start and finish times

Safety Measures in School

Children will be in a 'bubble'. They will stay with their year group and with the same children and adults throughout the day. There will be no mixing with other groups at all. Due to staffing constraints there may be year groups who will not be with their regular teacher.

In Class

- Reduced numbers of children in class with one adult for the whole day
- Reduced furniture, soft furnishings etc.
- Desks situated approximately 2 metres apart
- Each child will have a desk, tray for their equipment and a tray for their bag and outdoor gear which will all be kept by their desk
- There will be no sharing of equipment
- Each class has its own toilet and hand basin and additional sinks have been fitted
- Whenever possible, lessons will take place outdoors

Playtimes

- Will be staggered so no bubbles mix with other bubbles
- No class will be in the same area at the same time
- Static play equipment is out of use
- Classes are allocated their own play equipment



Lunchtimes

- Will be in classrooms
- We encourage children to bring their own packed lunch where possible
- Eat with their teacher
- Lunchtimes and playtimes will be staggered



Additional Safety Measures

- Social distancing will be reinforced throughout the day (but can't be guaranteed)
- Regular, supervised handwashing
- Children only access the toilet / sink one at a time
- Any queues, we will ensure children stay 2m apart
- Equipment will be washed after use or a steamer used if it can't be washed
- Additional exterior sinks will be fitted near classroom doors and additional toilets will be hired so each class has their own toilet



Uniform

We recommend children wear uniform where possible. We understand that children may have grown out of uniform and parents may want to wait until after summer to reorder new. In the mean-time if you would like some secondhand uniform email the office. Or children can come to school in appropriate PE kit. At the very least please wear a school t-shirt or jumper. No jeans, football shirts or logos etc. Discuss with the class teacher what may be suitable clothing if this is a problem.

What each child needs to bring:

- Sun protection – hat, cream, water bottle (lots of time spent outside)
- A drawstring waterproof bag with
 - A **flannel size hand towel** with a **loop** sewn on one corner for it to be hung up
 - A packet of tissues
 - Own hand cream or soap if not using soap provided by school
- PE kit
- Packed Lunch
- Raincoat / Waterproof jacket and appropriate footwear for outdoors even in cold or rainy weather



Making Sense of the World

We recognise that all children will have been impacted by the current worldwide events. This may have had a detrimental effect on their mental health and well-being. Teachers and Group leaders will be very aware of this and will provide age-appropriate opportunities for children to discuss or reflect on their experiences and help them to make sense of the world as it is now in order to try to alleviate some of their anxieties. Please do speak to the class teacher about any specific experiences your child has had.

Curriculum and Learning

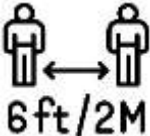

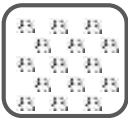






- The curriculum content will be the same in school and in the home learning pack for those who are not attending school. Obviously the delivery will be slightly different!
- We will be continuing with fortnightly whole school topics which parents can continue to enrich their child's learning at home
- The emphasis will be on core skills in maths, reading and writing - revision at first, identifying gaps in knowledge as a result of the missed schooling and begin to catch up on new learning
- We aim to provide a broad and balanced provision which includes music and PE. The core skills will be taught through and alongside other subjects such as computing, science and humanities.

Safety Measures at Home

We advise that:

- Children change their clothes and take their shoes off when they arrive home
- Children wear clean clothes every day and clothes are washed daily

General routine measures to enhance safety to pupils and staff

 <p>Adults to observe social distancing at all times.</p>	 <p>Everyone wash their hands regularly as well as on entry to the premises and at set points through the day following good handwashing practice.</p>	 <p>Children to be supported, reminded and guided to promote social distancing at all times. Adults to model and observe social distancing at all times.</p>
 <p>Daily temperature and symptom check for all children and staff at the beginning of the day and for anyone who is unwell later in the day.</p>	 <p>Everyone to model, promote and observe good respiratory hygiene practices: Catch It, Bin It, Kill It.</p>	 <p>No one with symptoms will be on school site (see 'Symptoms and Isolation' overleaf)</p>
 <p>Regularly wipe down surfaces and touch points throughout the day</p>	 <p>Increased regular cleaning of high touch areas (e.g. toilets) bathrooms</p>	 <p>School site will be cleaned every evening including disinfecting of surfaces.</p>

Further details of school risk management

- The school risk assesses against a DEMAT wide risk assessment which is checked and updated at least fortnightly and is in accordance with latest government guidance. The risk assessment will be published on the school website under the COVID 19 tab
- The school will have visible signage - demarcating 2 metres for social distancing, handwashing, encouraging safe practice.
- The site will be organised to minimise interactions in corridors and communal spaces – only Reception class and adults will use the internal corridor
- We will be following all government guidance concerning cleaning and hygiene and throughout the day there will be additional cleaning measures taking place

What we will do if children or staff present with symptoms

Main symptoms of Covid-19:



- a high temperature (37.8 or above)



- a new, continuous cough (coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours; if someone usually has a cough, it may be worse than usual)



- Loss or change to sense of smell or taste (this means noticing they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal)

Daily pupil symptom checks:



- Every morning children will be dropped off by a single parent/carer
- Before the parent/carer leaves the child in the school's care a quick symptom check must be take place
- Where there is uncertainty the child should return home with the parent/carer until confirmation can be soug

What to do if symptoms are detected:



1. If an adult of child arrives at school with Covid-19 symptoms: a temperature of 37.8 or above *or* has had a new continuous cough they will need to return home and self-isolate.
2. If an adult or child becomes unwell over the course of the day with suspected Covid-19 symptoms the individual must return home as soon as possible and self-isolate.
 - a. If not immediately possible they should stay in a room, with a closable door and open windows, until they can leave.
 - b. If a child, they should have an appropriate adult supervising them. That room then should be then closed for a period of 1 hour and then cleaned and its use avoided for the rest of the day.

Information on self-isolating and how to apply for testing

Self-isolation guidance (from the onset of symptoms in the initial affected individual):



The person with symptoms must self isolate for 7 days.



The people the live with must self isolate for 14 days.



If anyone at school tests positive, the whole class must self isolate for 14 days.

Covid-19 testing:

You and those in your household are entitled to Covid-19 testing should you present with any symptoms. You need to get the test done in the first 5 days of having symptoms and it's best to apply for the test in the first 3 days as it may take 1 or 2 days to arrange. You can book your test here: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-coronavirus-test>

After a negative test and if feeling well enough children can return to school immediately.

After a positive test children should remain absent from school for 7 days after the onset of symptoms as long as the individual is otherwise well and has completed the 7 days of self-isolation. Those living in the household of the individual who has tested positive need to self-isolate for 14 days from the onset of symptoms in the initial affected individual.

No one with symptoms or someone in their household with symptoms is permitted to be at school until the isolation periods have been observed as above.