



Our plan for returning to school has been developed based on the Government's key recommendations of:

- avoiding contact with anyone with symptoms
- frequent hand cleaning and good hygiene practices
- regular cleaning of settings
- minimising contact and mixing

There is also an assumption that whilst we will do all that we can to ensure social distancing is adhered to, unlike with older children and adults, it is very difficult to guarantee or indeed expect early years and primary age children to remain socially distanced at all times. This is an important consideration for parents when reading this document and deciding if their child should attend.

Attendance

- In line with the Government's recommendations, we strongly advise pupils who have been classed as clinically extremely vulnerable due to pre-existing medical conditions remain at home and shield. We do not expect these children to be attending school, and we will continue to support their education at home. Pupils who fall into this category must speak to the school before they attend.
- No one with symptoms, or from a household where someone is displaying symptoms, should attend school for any reason. If the child is the first in the household to have symptoms of coronavirus, they must stay at home for at least 7 days, but all other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. This advice is correct up until 30 May 2020.
- If someone in your household is extremely clinically vulnerable we would advise your child not to attend school unless they are completely comfortable with and can adhere to the controls we have put in place.

Coming into School

We ask that the pupils arrive for **8.30am** and enter through the main entrance where the register will be taken. We recommend parents remain in their cars at drop off. The children will then make their way to their classrooms (Miss Thompson's classroom and the Library) in which they will have all their lessons.

Leaving School

Year 5 will finish at **3.40pm**. Parents are asked to remain in their cars (if possible) and the children will be brought outside together.

Wrap Around Care

As we adapt to the new arrangements, I'm afraid we are unable to offer wrap around care.

Class sizes & Teaching Spaces

All class sizes will remain 15 or under and the desks will be spaced out as much as practically possible. The children will be taught in their class groups.

Playtimes

The children will be encouraged to socially distance during their free time. The PE staff will be organising activities with the children which promote social distancing.

Lunch

The school will provide the children with a packed lunch every day (the children will be asked their choice of sandwich in the morning). The food will be delivered to the pupils in their classrooms or, if the weather is fine, they will take their lunch outside. A small charge will be added to your extras at the end of the term for this.

Cleaning

There are cleaners in school throughout the day to clean high use areas on a regular basis, for example toilets, and to empty bins. High usage touch points, for example door handles, are also cleaned frequently. All classroom teachers are provided with antibacterial sprays and single use cloths. Any equipment used is cleaned between groups of children. Every teaching space which has been used is cleaned each evening using anti-bacterial spray.

Hand cleaning

The children will clean their hands on arrival, before and after eating, after sneezing or coughing and at the end of the day. We have also fitted a number of hand sanitisers at the entrances to our buildings which can be used when the children are not able to use soap and water. The children will also be encouraged not to touch their mouth, eyes and nose.

Respiratory

Each classroom has paper tissues for the children to use which will be disposed of in a bin with a lid. The children will be told to 'catch it, bin it, kill it'.

Uniform

It is highly recommended that the children wear clean clothes each day. Therefore, the children may wear casual clothes for school. Trainers would be the most appropriate footwear (the children will not be changing for outdoor activities).

Stationery

The school will provide the children with all the stationery they require. They should not bring pencil cases into school.

Items in School

The children should not bring anything into school with them except their water bottle, a personal hand-sanitiser (if they would like to do so) and their snack (in a disposable bag). They will also need some text books which we will sanitise before use.

Use of PPE

Staff will not, as routine, be using PPE. They will only wear it when dealing with a child who becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus while in school.

Sick Children

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature (hot to touch on your chest or back)
- a new, continuous cough (coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

Children who display any of these symptoms, or who are in a household when anyone displays any of these symptoms, must not come into school. Children who display symptoms whilst in school will be taken to an area away from the other children and their parents will be called.

Curriculum

The school will endeavour to continue to provide a varied curriculum with a focus on Maths and English. The provisional timetable will be forwarded to you by Miss Thompson.

Textbooks

Miss Thompson will let you know which texts books should be brought into school. Exercise books will be provided.

Sunscreen

We hope to have the children outside as much as possible. Please ensure the children are wearing all day sunscreen before coming into school. We also recommend having a hat in school.

Contact with School

Please endeavour to contact the Senior School via telephone and teachers via email. If you need to come into school personally, please ensure there is only one adult in reception at one time.

Children of Key Workers

Wrap around care will be provided between 7.30am and 6pm, booked in the usual way. The pupils will be with the rest of their year group between 8.45am and 3.45pm. Entry and exit will be through the main entrance.

Children not Returning to School

We fully respect the decision every parent makes about their child returning to school. For those who will not be returning, we will continue to post work on Teams. Staff will also encourage pupils to join lessons remotely. However, please bear with colleagues who will be balancing teaching in school with running aspects of the online programme; there may be increased response times.