

Returning to School Measures

The following procedures are in place to help reduce the risk of infection.

PLEASE DO NOT come to the school if your child or a member of your household is showing any symptoms of the virus.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- high temperature – this **means** you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means 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 – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If a member of the family is displaying symptoms, they must follow the track and trace guidance and be tested immediately. **You must notify the school of the results of the test whether positive or negative if they have been in school. They must self-isolate for 14 days.**

Bubble groups will be sent home if a child has tested positive in the bubble group and pupils will need to self-isolate for 14 days.

Please adhere to social distancing and government guidance on who is allowed to meet and numbers permitted to meet in your home and outside schools. Staff and pupils will be put at risk in school if you do not follow the rules outside school. (Please note that some staff members are in high risk categories).

Arrival at school:

- If you are able to **avoid public transport** and walk or cycle to school please do so. If you have to use public transport please use a face mask and follow guidance for safe removal of the mask before entering school.
- **Year groups have specific entrances:**
 - Nursery enter through the Nursery gate
 - Reception through the gate at the far end of the school on the street. The gate is marked Reception entrance
 - Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 through the fire gate next to the normal entrance
 - Year 5 and Year 6 through the fire exit at the front of the school
- **PARENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE PLAYGROUND**
 - Parents need to keep to social distancing rules when dropping pupils off and picking up. Pupils and parents queue up 2 metres apart outside the different entrances. Only one adult with a child or children from their family.
 - Please do not congregate outside school to chat.
 - Parents must not enter the playground or school. Please contact the school if you need to come into the office.
- **Pupils will be allowed to enter the school from 8.50am** and go straight to their class.
 - Pupils are not allowed to arrive before 8.50am and are not allowed in the playground to play before school.
 - Pupils must line up outside their entrance using the yellow lines.
- **Pupils are not allowed to wear face coverings in school.** Face masks must be removed at the gate, following the correct method, and placed in a plastic bag. (Please follow Government guidance for the correct use of face masks)
- Pupils must not bring any bags or equipment from home apart from a packed lunch bag and water bottle.
 - Packed lunches must be in small lunch bags, not in rucksacks
 - Book bags are not allowed until further notice.

- Trainers may be worn to school until further notice to avoid changing of shoes. PE kits may be worn to school on PE days until further notice.
- **Pupils must bring a named water bottle, full of water, as drinking fountains cannot be used.**

Moving around school:

- There are 2 metre markings on the floor in corridors and halls.
- Staircases will operate a one-way system at different points in the day to avoid crossing on stairs.
- There will be a one way system in operation for walking in and out of school
- Cleaning of surfaces and key touch points will occur throughout the day.

Bubble groups:

- Pupils are split into “bubble” groups of no more than 30. They will stay in these groups for the day. A Teacher and Teaching Assistant will normally supervise the group under the direction of the class teacher.
- Pupils will be allocated a place in the classroom at a table. Teachers will teach from the front of the class and not interact at the table with pupils.
- At lunch times only two bubbles (same 2 bubbles) will share the dining hall socially distanced and the allotted playground area.
- Year 2 to year 6 will sit facing the front and side by side where possible. The teacher will teach from the front at a 2 metre distance where possible. Pupils in EYFS and Year 1 will not be able to be taught in this way but hygiene rules will be strictly adhered to.
- Pupils in KS1 and KS2 will have their own plastic zip wallet with equipment in it for their use only.
- School uniform must be worn and washed frequently.

Departing from School:

- Pupils will leave school from the same entrances as arrival
- Parents must wait, socially distanced outside the different entrances.
- Pupils will be dismissed when the teacher sees the parent.
- Please go straight home and do not linger outside school.
- Year 1 and Year 2 will come out of school at 3.25pm to avoid a bottleneck at the playground gate.

Please adhere to the social distancing rules and travelling on public transport rules when out of school. The staff and pupils are at risk if you do not follow the government guidance. The level of risk is higher for adults than pupils.

Thank you for your support in adhering to these measures.

If and when things change we will update you.

Please read Covid-19 Handbook for Parents for more detailed information.

This can be found on the website News and Events.