



Information for Families Returning to School.

We have received a number of questions from you about some of the finer points of our school day. Below are a number of questions that have been commonly asked.

Our aim is for all our children to return to school in the Autumn Term but we know that some children may require additional support to help get them back to school. If you feel that your child may need additional support, please email the office and we will arrange a meeting to discuss how we can support you and your child/ren in ensuring that the return to school can be as smooth and positive as possible.

Can my child/ren bring a packed lunch to school?

Yes, the children may also bring their own packed lunch box to school, we will also be providing school lunches for those who wish to have a school lunch. School lunches will be eaten in the classrooms or outside in their designated area if the weather permits.

We would like pupils to bring their water bottles too.

As we will be minimising movement around the classrooms, their lunch boxes and water bottles will remain beside their desks.

Where will my child store their coats and bags?

We ask that the amount of belongings that pupils bring into school is minimised. A bag may be brought into school. They will need their P.E kits on the days they have P.E - this information will be provided once the term starts - and they will have their reading books allocated by the school. Books that require changing will be changed on a Friday and stored for 72 hours before cleaning.

All belongings will stay with the child either beside their desk or hanging on their chairs.

How do bubbles work?

The school is considered a bubble to allow for staff to move across classes to teach specialist subjects and to deliver specialist provision. The physical size of the building does not allow us to be able to create smaller bubbles. However, we are putting systems in place to minimise unnecessary movement around the school.

For example, designated play areas for KS1 & KS2, lunches in their classrooms, minimised movement internally around the school - external doors of classrooms will be used. Use of classrooms will be restricted to 1 class only.

How does social distancing happen outside the school?

We ask that parents adhere and respect social distancing in and around the school premises, this will require some patience as we adjust to our new ways of school life.

We have designated areas for your children to enter the schools, which will be signposted at both schools. You will also receive details about your entrance to the school before your child starts school.

How will my child know what to do?

Our staff have been working hard getting everything ready for your child's return and are ready to help and support with your child's return. Our new routines will be clearly explained and practised and everyone will be doing them.

We will have posters to remind our children how we need to do things such as washing our hands.

Many children will be in the same position and we want to make sure that everyone has a positive start to the new school year.

What if the government releases new guidance?

On receipt of new guidance from the government, our risk assessments are updated to reflect any necessary changes. All stakeholders are informed of the new changes.

What happens if there is a spike in cases?

On the evening of the 28th of August, the government released guidance for all schools to follow should there be a spike in local or national cases. We will follow the guidance regarding any decisions that need to be made should there be a rise in cases.

What will social distancing look like in school?

We are following the government guidance regarding social distancing in primary schools, the measures have been out in place/

- Single file movement around school. Movement around school will be minimised ('While passing briefly in the corridor or playground is low risk, schools should avoid creating busy corridors, entrances and exits')
- Classrooms will be organised with forward facing desks and pupils will be distanced where possible depending on the physical size of the rooms. ('Schools should make small adaptations to the classroom to support distancing where possible. That should include seating pupils side by side and facing forwards, rather than face to face or side on, and might include moving unnecessary furniture out of classrooms to make more space').
- Adults should maintain a 2m distance from each other and children. Where children require support, adults should avoid face-to-face contact and minimise time spent within 1 m of anyone.
- It is recognised that for pupils with SEN or who require specialist support this may not always be possible.

How will toilets be allocated?

Our toilets will be cleaned regularly and pupils will be supervised. Staff will ensure that the toilets are used by small numbers of pupils at a time.

How can we communicate with teachers?

We know that it is important for you to be able to communicate with teachers and other members of the school team if you have any questions or concerns.

If you have an urgent concern or message please phone the school and the message will be passed onto the relevant member of staff will contact you.

Otherwise, please email or call the school office indicating who you wish the message to be passed onto and you will be contacted in a timely manner.

Staff will be teaching your children during the day so unless the message is urgent and requires immediate response, staff will respond within 24hrs. Please note that staff will not ordinarily be expected to respond at weekends, school holidays or outside school hours.

The communication process for our inclusion team remains unaltered.

What if my child is finding it difficult to return to school?

If your child is finding it difficult to return to school please contact the school office where we will be happy to discuss how we can support you and your child in ensuring the transition to school is a positive one.

If you email the school, please enter into the subject area of your email '**support with transition**'.

For further information please go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools#section-1-public-health-advice-to-minimise-coronavirus-covid-19-risks> - August 28th update