

Frequently Asked Questions:



From 8th March 2021:

How will children be grouped and where will they be?

- Children will be taught in whole class groups, in their classrooms with their teachers and support staff. Classes will be grouped into 'Bubbles' around the school building, with each Bubble sharing toilets and cloakrooms where necessary.

Bubbles are as follows:

Nursery and Reception

Year 1 and Year 2

Year 3 and Year 4

Year 5 and Year 6

They will remain in these 'Bubbles' for the vast majority of the school day. There will be no mixing of children between Bubbles during the school day, including break and lunchtimes.

- Children are not required to socially distance from other children in these Bubbles although members of staff visiting these Bubbles **will** be asked to socially distance where possible.

Will my child be able to play with their friends?

- There will be the opportunity to go outside for breaks as usual but children will only mix with the other children in their Bubbles. These breaks will be staggered to ensure that children will not mix with any other Bubble.

Will there be before and after school club (Building Blox) provision?

- Building Blox will recommence from 8.00am on Monday 8th March to provide before and after-school care for working parents.

Will my child be accessing the full curriculum?

- Yes – children will be offered a full, balanced and broad curriculum. However, there will be an emphasis on *team building, well-being and catch-up* as part of our Re-Engagement and Recovery Programme.
- Homework activities will be set on a regular basis
- Until further notice, children will not be going swimming

What safety measures will be put in place in classrooms and around school?

Entering and leaving the school site:

- The gates will be open from 8.30am and we will be operating a 'trickle in system' until the doors close and school starts at 8.50am
- Nursery entrance and exit will be from the doors on the main back playground. Collection of children will be at 3.05pm
- Reception entry and exit will be via the Reception classroom doors. Collection of children will be at 3.05pm
- Year 1 and Year 2 children's entry and exit will be through their external classroom doors. Collection will be at 3.10pm
- Year 3 and Year 4 will entry and exit through the back playground doors and go up the front stairs. Collection will be at 3.15pm
- Year 5 and 6 will entry and exit through the nursery playground and the doors next to the office and go up the back stairs. Collection will be from 3.20pm
- We ask that only one parent accompany their child for drop-off and collection.
- Parents and children should avoid gathering on the playground or at the school gates.
- Parents must wear a mask on the school site.

Visitors to the School Site

- Parents are not permitted to enter the school building. Where possible, communication with the school should be through telephone or email
- Information which will normally be shared in meetings with parents, will be sent electronically
- Parents will not be invited onto site for class assemblies and school performances until further notice.

Social distancing

- Children are not required to socially distance within Bubbles, but there will be social distancing between Bubbles on the school site.

Uniform and Resources:

- Children are expected to wear full school uniform, including black school shoes. Children should only wear trainers for PE.
- PE kit will be worn on days children have PE lessons.
- Where possible, children will be provided with their own individual resources.
- Children will only be permitted to bring 'essential items' into school e.g. a coat, lunchbox, water bottle, a fruit snack for KS2 children.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

- Children are not required to wear face coverings on the school site.
- PPE may be worn by staff administering first aid or providing personal care.
- Staff must wear masks when walking around the school and when on the playground at the start and end of the day.

Hygiene and Cleaning:

- Children and staff will continue to wash their hands on entry to the building and regularly throughout the day. Small children and those with complex needs, will continue to be supported to wash their hands properly. Hand gel will be available in class Bubbles. Children should not bring their own hand sanitiser into school.
- Children will be taught to use the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach to respiratory hygiene – lidded bins and tissues will be provided in every classroom.

- There will be increased cleaning of the building, particularly pupil areas, at regular intervals during the school day.
- Where possible, doors and windows will be open for increased ventilation. Parents should ensure that children are dressed in suitably warm clothing.

What are the arrangements for lunchtimes and school dinners?

- Children will eat in the dining room with their Bubble. This will be on a staggered approach to accommodate all children and allow time for thorough cleaning of tables and chairs etc.
- Children who qualify for Free School Meals (including the Universal Free School Meals for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) will be provided with a school meal.
- KS2 children can pre-order a school meal at the cost of £2.30 a day or £11.50 a week. Payment must be made through the online payment system – please contact the office for details.

What if a child/adult displays symptoms of Covid-19 when in school?

- Following government guidelines, **individuals who are displaying coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or have someone in their household who is displaying symptoms, should not attend school.** Individuals who have tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) should not attend school for 10 days following a positive test.
- If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they will be sent home and advised to follow '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)', which sets out that they must self-isolate for at least 10 days and should [arrange to have a test](#) to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19). Other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 10 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.
- Staff members and parents/carers must be ready and willing to:
 - **Book a test** if they are displaying symptoms.
 - Provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace
 - **Self-isolate** if they have been in close contact with someone who develops coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)
 - Inform the school immediately of the results of a test
- If someone tests negative, they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can return to school. Proof of a negative test will be required by the school office.

What if a child/adult in school tests positive for Covid-19?

- *School staff test themselves at home twice weekly using the Lateral Flow Device testing kits. These tests are carried out on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings and could cause Bubbles to close if a positive test result is given.*
- If someone tests positive, they should follow the '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)' and must continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of

sense of smell/taste. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 10 days.

- Where a child or staff member tests positive, the school will work with the health protection team to carry out a rapid risk assessment to confirm who has been in close contact with the person during the period that they were infectious, and ensure they are asked to self-isolate. **In most cases, this will mean that the whole of their 'Bubble' will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 10 days.** Household members of those contacts who are sent home do not need to self-isolate themselves unless the child, young person or staff member who is self-isolating subsequently develops symptoms.
- If schools have two or more confirmed cases within 10 days, or an overall rise in sickness absence where coronavirus (COVID-19) is suspected, this will be classed as an outbreak. In the case of an outbreak, health protection teams may recommend that a larger number of other pupils self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure – this may be the whole school population.

What Home Learning opportunities will be provided to children who are required to self-isolate?

- Remote education will be provided to all children who are self-isolating at home. For individual children, this will consist of a learning pack with signposting to pre-recorded lessons. In the case of a Bubble isolating the class teacher (if they are well enough to do so) will provide 2 live lessons a day and set home learning, as they did during lockdown 3.

Can I choose not to send my child into school?

- No. Attendance is mandatory. The government are clear that from the 8th March, usual attendance rules will apply.