



Re-opening of school guidance and measures for Parents as of Friday 22nd May 2020

1. Children will be in groups of no more than ten, based in one classroom, for the duration of the day. We will call these groups 'Family Groups'.
2. We will be staggering the start and end times of the school day for each family group in order to reduce social contact.
3. Parents are to drop off and collect children from the gates by the school driveway. There will be signs/markings to make it visible where to stand and to also aid with social distancing. Please ensure only **ONE** adult drops off and collects your child to minimise the number of people at the school gates.
4. Staff will collect children from parents at the school gate by the driveway.
5. Mrs Ballinger and a member of the school staff will be overseeing the drop off and collection times and ensuring social distancing is adhered to.
6. The school car park will be closed from 8.30-9.30am and 2.20-3.20pm each day.
7. In class, children will be seated at their own desk (we will call this their 'base seat'), which will be socially distanced and they will be based at the same desk every day.
8. We will provide every child with their own in-school resource pack which will contain the equipment they will require for the school day (pencils, ruler, glue stick etc) in a plastic wallet.
9. In order to minimise the risk of contamination, children should not bring in personal belongings from home or a school bag. The only things they should bring into school are a coat (if required), a sun hat and a clean water bottle which is clearly named. There will be no plastic cups used.
10. We will ensure the same members of staff and children remain in the same family group. This is to ensure minimal contamination/risk and to allow the facility to self-isolate a group of staff and children should one child or member of staff test positive for COVID-19.
11. We will ensure regular hand washing throughout the day e.g. children and staff will be asked to wash their hands when they enter school, at breaks, lunchtimes and before leaving the premises, as well as at any other relevant times.
12. All staff will ensure regular surface cleaning and the cleaning of high risk areas occurs throughout the day.
13. We will ensure toilets will be specific to groups. There will only be one child allowed in the toilets at one time.
14. Each group will also have their own designated area of the playground/field for social time at break and lunchtime. Children will only be able to socialise within their family group and social distancing expectations will be reinforced, but it's impossible to guarantee that children within the same group won't come close to each other. There will be no mixing of family groups.
15. Where possible, all family groups will seek opportunities to go outside for their learning.
16. Children from Reception and Year 1 should not bring in lunchboxes as school will provide a 'grab bag' lunch for all Reception and Year 1 children as they are entitled to Universal Infant Free-school meals. It will also reduce the likelihood of contamination.
17. Children will eat lunch in their classroom or, weather permitting, will picnic outside in their designated area with their family group, socially distancing as much as possible.
18. Grab bags will be delivered to the classrooms to minimise the movement around school and to limit chance of contamination.



19. Parents will not be permitted to access school at any time, unless they need to collect a poorly child. If this is the case, then they will be asked to wait in the main entrance.
20. The school office will be closed for face-to-face enquiries and so contact should only be made via email or telephone. Contact with teachers should also remain via email. However, as teachers will be required to be teaching their family group, they will not be able to respond immediately.
21. There will be no whole school events, assemblies, swimming, after-school clubs or FROGS events.
22. There will be no official PE lessons in school where children will be required to change clothes. There will be general fitness, such as Joe Wicks, and opportunities for games / activities, where social distancing will be adhered to as best as possible.
23. Children attending school should not wear uniform so that parents/carers can wash clothes and send them in fresh clothes on a daily basis.
24. Children will not be permitted to wear face masks at school.
25. Whilst we have a stock of soap, children are not expected to bring in their own, but we are aware that families may wish to do this for sensitive hand purposes. This will need to remain in school, clearly labelled and kept with your child's resource pack at their base seat.
26. In line with government guidance, we advise that where possible you avoid public transport when travelling to and from school to minimise contact with other members of the public.
27. Attendance for the summer term remains the choice of the parent. If children do not attend, families will not be penalised. These are unprecedented circumstances and we completely understand every family is different. We will support you and your children whatever decision you make.

I realise that this is a very different approach to the school you all left on 20th March, but so much has changed and we need to follow government guidance whilst doing what is right for our school. Our priority is always the safety and welfare of our staff, children and families. Every school will be doing things differently and it is quite likely that our plans may need adapting over time or may not suit all of our families' individual needs. However, I urge you to please bear with us all during these times and remain gracious, patient and kind.

Best wishes,

Mrs Ellie Ballinger
Headteacher