



Re-opening of school guidance and measures for Parents as of 10/06/20

Drop off / collection of children:

- Start and end times of the school day will be staggered for each bubble in order to reduce social contact.
- Reception 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.
- Year 1 parents are to drop off and collect children from the lower car park pedestrian gate. 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 and please also ensure you stick strictly to the drop off and collection times.
- Staff will collect children from the gates at beginning of session and bring children back to the gates at the end of the day. Please do not come on to site.
- 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.
- The school car park will be closed from **8.30-9.30am** and **2.20-3.20pm** each day.

What does my child need?

- In order to minimise the risk of contamination, children should **not** bring in personal belongings from home or a school bag.
- Weather permitting, children will **need**:
 - a coat (if required)
 - a sun hat
 - a clean water bottle which is clearly named (there will be no plastic cups used)
 - a small healthy snack for break time as there will be **no** tuck or fruit available.
- If the weather is sunny, please ensure that 'Once-a-Day' sun cream is applied to children **before** they come to school so that they do not need to bring it with them.
- 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.
- Children should **not** wear uniform so that parents/carers can wash clothes and send them in fresh clothes on a daily basis. Please ensure footwear is suitable for outdoor activities.
- Children will **not** be permitted to wear face masks at school.
- Please can children bring back any books they borrowed from school so that we can replenish our stocks as many were sent home when the school closed.

Bubble information:

- 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 'bubbles'.
- 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.
- Children will be provided 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.
- 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 socialise within their bubbles and social distancing expectations will be reminded, 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 bubbles.
- Where possible, all bubbles will seek opportunities to go outside for their learning.
- Children will eat lunch in their classroom or, weather permitting, will picnic outside in their designated area with their bubble.
- Lunch grab bags will be delivered to the classrooms to minimise the movement around school and to limit chance of contamination.
- The same members of staff and children will remain in the same bubble. 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.

Hygiene:

- Children will be required to use hand sanitizer upon entry to school and we will ensure regular handwashing occurs throughout the day



- Children will be reminded not to touch their faces and encouraged to use a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes.
- All staff will ensure regular surface cleaning and the cleaning of touch points occurs throughout the day.
- Toilets will be specific to bubbles. There will only be one child allowed from a bubble in the toilets at one time.
- Whilst we have a stock of soap, children are not expected to bring in their own, but we are aware that some 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.

General info:

- There will be no official PE lessons in school where children will be required to be changed. 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.
- In line with government guidance, we are advising staff and families where possible to avoid using public transport to minimise contact with other members of the public.
- Attendance for the summer term remains the choice of the parent. If children do not attend, families will not be penalized. These are unprecedented circumstances and we completely understand every family is different and we will support your decision, whatever that is.
- There will be no whole school events, assemblies, swimming, after-school clubs or FROGS events.

Site restrictions:

- 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.
- 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 teach their bubble, they will not be able to respond immediately.
- The school phone line will not be closely monitored on Thursdays or Fridays so if you have a query on these days, please don't hesitate to email: notification@greysbrooke.staffs.sch.uk

Symptoms:

- Your child can only come into school if he/she is symptom-free.
- The symptoms of COVID-19 are:
 - a new continuous cough
 - a high temperature
 - a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)
- If your child develops symptoms whilst at school, you will be contacted immediately and asked to collect them as soon as you possible.
- Parents of children displaying symptoms should apply for a test to be undertaken to confirm whether they are infected. If it is negative, they are able to return to school. If it is positive, they should follow guidance on self-isolation and all children and staff working within the same bubble will be alerted and asked to follow government guidelines of self-isolating for 14 days, even if they are not showing symptoms.
- If your child lives with someone who has symptoms, he/she must stay at home for 14 days from the day the first person in the home started having symptoms.
- It's important that school is alerted of any positive/negative tests as soon as possible.

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 and do 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 during these times and remain gracious, patient and kind. Thank you.

Best wishes

Ellie Ballinger
Headteacher