

## **1. What are we doing to create a low risk environment?**

The school is following very stringent guidelines from the government on preparing the school site and staff for a full and safe re-opening in September. This involves building on protective measures to minimise risks. These include:

- Applying strict rules to anyone (child or adult) displaying COVID-19 and closing classes if tests prove positive
- Following the NHS Test and Trace requirements
- Intensive, regular daily hand washing and respiratory hygiene routines to be followed by staff, children and any visitors to the school
- The remodeling of classrooms with tables spaced out as far apart as possible with children seated so they are facing the front, reducing furniture and resources and keeping surfaces clear, regular cleaning of all areas, shared resources and touch points
- Enhanced cleaning arrangements for the whole school
- Treating each year group as a, 'bubble'. Consistent groups reduce the risk of transmission so each class should remain as a distinct group. There will be no whole school assemblies and the children will sit in their year group bubbles in the dining hall
- Teaching children about safe practice in terms of disease and transmission, no touching and good respiratory hygiene with the "Catch it, bin it, kill it" method
- Having strict rules around social distancing, hand washing and respiratory hygiene for everyone who comes to the school site (e.g. contractors)
- All staff will endeavor to remain socially distant from children especially those who teach across several classes
- Use of PPE where children become unwell, staff are dealing with intimate care needs or caring for children with specific needs
- All aspects of the school's work are risk assessed according to Government guidelines and in line with LA guidance for a pandemic. Risk assessments will be reviewed and updated regularly. They will be posted onto the school's website.

## **2. Can I choose to keep my child at home?**

From September 7th it will be a statutory requirement that all children return to school. If you feel concerned at all about returning to school please get in touch with us so we can provide support and reassurance.

## **3. What if my child has medical needs?**

Even children with medical needs, your child should be able to return to school in September unless your medical practitioner states otherwise and you are able to provide the school with relevant documentation to confirm this.

#### **4. Can my child wear a face mask?**

Children who use a face mask to travel to school should remove them upon arrival at school and then immediately wash their hands. If your child wears a mask please teach them how to take it off safely – they should be shown how to do this without touching their face or the mask itself, and then disposing of it in a lidded bin or if it is re-usable in a plastic bag, to be taken home for washing. In the following link, please note that when they refer to medical masks, this means ones that are not disposable. Please follow the link for further guidance:

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/when-and-how-to-use-masks>

#### **5. What will the curriculum be like?**

The main emphasis initially will be on re-socialising the children and making them feel happy and safe. There will be lots of teaching to support their personal, social and emotional learning including teaching about health education and keeping safe. Teachers will be working on consolidation of key English and Maths skills to enable the children to begin to catch up on any missed learning. In P.E. there will be no contact sports or games. Our aim is to teach a full, rich and exciting curriculum to all of our children.

#### **6. How will the school engage with the government's "Big Catch Up" plan?**

The school is awaiting further guidance from the DFE concerning this. However in the meantime we plan to support children identified by the school as having fallen significantly behind, by running reading support groups.

#### **7. What are the social distancing measures for children?**

Children will be taught to keep their hands to themselves and not touch others and learn socially distant forms of greetings. Teachers and support staff will model socially distant interactions and children will be outdoors when possible or work in different areas of the classroom in the younger age groups. Each class will operate independently of any other so reducing interactions and Year groups will be kept separate at all times. There will be no whole school assemblies or events until further notice and Reception and KS1 children will have their lunch in their class rooms. KS2 children will have lunch in the school hall which will be partitioned to ensure that year groups do not come into contact with each other.

## **8. How will the school manage break times?**

Break times will be staggered and each class will have their own designated play areas. The playground will be split into zoned areas and there will be a rotation of their use across the week by year groups. Any playground equipment will be class specific, only used by individual children and cleaned after use. Large, static play equipment will be sanitized between use by each year group.

## **9. What will lunchtimes be like? Will the school provide food?**

- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be eating lunch in their classrooms each day. Lunch will be cooked on the school premises by our lunchtime provider, Lunchtime UK. They have trained their staff and ensured all safety measures related to food preparation are implemented. Lunchtime staff will supervise children to ensure children's safety and that hygiene measures are implemented. Lunchtime menus can be found on the school website.
- KS2 will have a staggered lunchtime and sit in zoned areas to prevent mixing between year groups. Children will be supervised by consistent staff each day.
- After eating their lunches, children will go out into their designated zoned areas of the playground for playtime.

## **10. What will my child need to bring to school?**

- Children will need to bring their packed lunch to school (unless they are having school dinners), a named water bottle and coat (if necessary).
- The school is providing all stationary in individual packs for each child. **No other stationary should be bought into school.**
- The school will provide hand sanitisers and tissues.
- The school will issue reading books each week and these must be returned on the specified day the following week. They will be quarantined for 72 hours before being re-circulated.
- Children can bring their mobile phones into school in line with our Mobile Phone Policy. **However, phones will not be collected in by teachers. They will be kept in children's own trays at their own risk.**
- No other items may be brought into school. All items must be named, as any unnamed lost items will be disposed of.

## **11. What should my child wear to school?**

- Children should wear their school uniform and this should be regularly washed.
- On very sunny days a named sun hat / cap may be worn. Any sunscreen will need to be applied at home.
- On cooler or wet days please bring in a named coat.
- Please ensure shoes worn to school can be done up independently by your child.

- Children should not bring P.E. kit to school. They will not need to change for P.E.
- Everything must be named as unnamed lost items will be disposed of and no longer stored as lost property.

### **12. Will children in Years 5 and 6 be allowed to walk to and from school?**

Yes, we would encourage Year 5 and 6 children to do this as this will help develop their independence, prepare them for travel to their secondary schools and reduce the numbers of people having contact outside the school gates. Any accompanying adults of KS2 children will not be allowed to access the school site.

### **13. How can I communicate with my child's teacher?**

Parents will not be allowed access to the school site unless they have a specific appointment. If parents and carers have urgent information or queries then these will need to be communicated by email or telephone via the school office. Teachers will not be able to speak to the parents and carers in the school playground.

### **14. What will be the handwashing routines for children?**

- Children will need to wash their hands regularly throughout the day. First thing in the morning is crucial, at break times, after using the toilets, before eating food, and after using shared resources.
- Please ensure children wash their hands also as soon as they arrive home each evening.
- Each classroom has hot water, soap, paper towels and hand sanitizer which will be kept stocked up.
- Children will be taught how to wash their hands for 20 seconds in line with NHS guidance.
- If you wish to send a small sanitiser for your own child to keep for only their use and to be kept in their individual tray, you can do so.

### **15. Will the school be offering any extended day provision?**

The school will be offering Breakfast Club each morning from 8.00 am where children will be organised in their Year Groups and After School Club from 3.15 pm – 6.00 pm each day and which will run in line with Government guidelines. We will be running a number of clubs after school where particular year groups can attend. Further details of after school clubs will be made available during the first two weeks of the term.

**16. What happens if a child or member of staff in my child's class becomes ill with the COVID-19 symptoms?**

- If it is your child, you will be informed immediately to come and collect them. The affected child / adult will need to take a COVID-19 test as soon as possible.
- If the test proves positive then all members of the class / year group will need to isolate for 14 days.
- The school will need to engage with the NHS test and trace system.
- Public Health England will also issue instructions to the school around its operations and next steps.

**17. If classes or the school has to close, how will my child be supported in their learning?**

The school will immediately ensure that the remote learning provision is re-established for the children through the Google classroom. This will involve a daily programme of learning and a weekly meeting with small groups of children so that the teacher can maintain good contact. If you encounter any problems with the remote learning please contact your child's class teacher through the class email.

**18. What about Homework?**

School will be setting homework each week using the Google classroom platform. This will consist of a weekly spelling activity, reading, writing, Maths and topic work. Reading books will be sent home each week. Books will need to be returned on your child's designated day, as books will need to be quarantined for 72 hours upon return.

**19. What should I do if I have children in two different year groups returning to school with different start and finish times?**

Due to stringent social distancing restrictions imposed upon the school the staggered drop off and collection times will need to be adhered to and parents and carers will need to collect younger children from their designated areas first and then older children. We would encourage parents to make arrangements with other families from the same classes to help them manage the drop off and collection times.

**20. How will drop off and collection work?**

Entry will be much like going to the shops where people queue to enter at a social distance. Only one adult should drop off or collect any child and ideally Year 5 and 6 should come alone.