

FAQ FOR SCHOOL OPENING SCHOOL FOR PARENTS SEPTEMBER 2020

Question

1. What are the social distancing measures during school time including mealtimes?

Response: The pupils will remain in class groups (bubbles) in the classrooms and there will be minimal movement around school.

2. What are the school measures to reduce infection?

Response: Regular handwashing, monitored handwashing after toilet visit to ensure effective washing has taken place, wiping door handles and frequently touched surfaces, encouraging 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' for children who use tissues. Posters will be around the building to remind children of the measures in place. Equipment will be cleaned after use.

3. What are the social distancing measures during playtimes?

Response: Playtimes will be staggered to reduce the number of pupils on the playground at any one time.

4. How will you prevent my child from mixing closely with other children?

Response: The pupils will remain in class groups (bubbles) in the classrooms. They will sit at tables that will all face the front. The teacher's desk will be 2m away. There will be minimal movement around school. Staggered break and lunchtimes in place. No large gatherings via whole school assemblies.

5. Who will teach them? Teacher or any adult?

Response: Your child will be taught by their usual class teacher, supported by the Teaching Assistants.

6. How will you expect parents to apply social distancing during drop off and collections around the school grounds?

Response: Children need to be dropped off at either the Limes Road Entrance or Cedar Road following the plan communicated to parents at the end of the summer term and on school website. This includes specific drop off times and zones, with a strict one way system. Parents need to adhere to social distancing whilst waiting. Only one adult per family on site. Parents need to communicate with the school via email/phone call. There will be no waiting around on the playground.

7. What will they be taught?

Response: The normal school curriculum will be taught. With an emphasis on catch up for pupils who may have fallen behind with basic skills.

8. How big will the class sizes be?

Response: Class bubbles will be the normal class size of up to 30 per class.

9. Will the school be cleaned during the day e.g. toilets and surfaces?

Response: The school will increase the cleaning programme throughout the day.

10. If my child has an EHCP, will you be working on these targets while they are in school?
Response: EHCP provision and support will be as it was before lockdown.
11. Will staff wear PPE to keep my child safe?
Response: Staff are only required to wear PPE equipment when administering first aid or if a child displays symptoms.
12. Will the school day (length) remain the same?
Response: The day will be altered slightly due to staggered start and end of the day collections.
13. Will the children wear uniform?
Response: All children will be expected to wear school uniform in September. Parents need to ensure that clothing is machine- washed very regularly.
14. What will break and lunch times look like? Where will the children go?
Response: Meals will be taken in the classroom bases. Break times and lunchtimes will be staggered and/or pupils will be given designated areas that they can use for outdoor play/learning.
15. What does my child need to bring in every day?
Response: In order to ensure hygiene is maintained we ask that your child brings with their name on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A packed lunch if not having a Grab Bag school meal. Please no nuts or fizzy drinks. - Water bottle, filled with water – no juice - A sun hat and sun cream if the weather is warm
16. Will my child get a free school meal?
Response: If your child is entitled to a benefits-based free school meal or a universal free school meal if in Reception/Y1/Y2 then they will be entitled to a grab bag. If you do not qualify for a FSM then you need to provide your child with a packed lunch or you may purchase a grab bag at a cost of £2.40 per day.
17. Where will the children be collected and will this be a staggered finish?
Response: We have communicated the collection times and zones via the end of year letter, which is also on the school website. Year 6 children will walk home on their own or be collected at the gate of Cedar Road.
19. Do I have to send my child to school
Response: Yes - attendance is statutory from September. You may be penalised or fined for non-attendance
20. What do I do if I need to go into the school office?
Response: Please contact the office via phone or email in the first instance. If you need you go into the school office you will need to follow the one way system. Entry into office reception area will be limited.

21. What if I travel to school on public transport?

Response: Where possible don't use public transport to travel to school and if you do it is advisable to wear a mask.

22. What if my child needs medication?

Response: Please bring into school the medication your child needs like inhalers and epipens and make sure it is clearly labelled with your child's name and the instructions for use - as prescribed by the doctor.