



**Frequently Asked Questions for school opening in September 2020**

**Q1: 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.  
Packed lunches will be eaten in their classrooms; hot meals will be served in the hall with social distancing rules applied.

**Q2: What are the school measures to reduce infection?**

Response: Regular handwashing, monitored handwashing after toilet visits, 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. All equipment will be cleaned after use.

**Q3: What are the social distancing measures during playtimes?**

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

**Q4: How will you prevent my child from mixing closely with other children?**

Response: The pupils will remain in class groups (bubbles) in the classrooms. There will be minimal movement around school. Staggered break and lunchtimes are in place. There will be no large gatherings, including whole school assemblies.

**Q5: Who will teach them? Teacher or any adult?**

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

**Q6: How will you expect parents to apply social distancing during drop off and collections around the school grounds?**

There will be specific arrival and collection off times. Parents/carers need to adhere to social distancing whilst waiting. Only one adult per family on site where possible. Parents/carers need to communicate with the school via email/phone call. There will be no waiting around on the playground.

**Q7: 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.

**Q8: How big will the class sizes be?**

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

**Q9: Will the school be cleaned during the day e.g. toilets and surfaces?**

Response: The school will increase the cleaning programme throughout the day. All toilets and 'high traffic areas' will be cleaned regularly.

**Q10: 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

**Q11: 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.

**Q12: Will the school day (length) remain the same?**

Response: The length of day will remain the same but with staggered start and end of the day collections.

**Q13: Will the children wear uniform?**

Response: All children will be expected to wear school uniform in September. Parents/carers need to ensure that clothing is machine-washed very regularly. PE shirts (white t-shirt) and black jogging bottoms/shorts with a school sweatshirt and trainers can be worn on your child's PE days only.

**Q14: What will break and lunch times look like? Where will the children go?**

Response: Packed lunches will be eaten in their classrooms; hot meals will be served in the hall with social distancing rules applied. Break times and lunchtimes will be staggered and/or pupils will be given designated areas that they can use for outdoor play/learning.

**Q15: 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:

- A packed lunch if not having a 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 / coat if weather is poor
- If you wish, your child may bring in their own personal anti-bacterial hand sanitiser

**Q16: 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 free school meal. If you do not qualify for a FSM then you need to provide your child with a packed lunch or you may purchase a school lunch at a cost of £2.30 per day.

**Q17: Where will the children be collected and will this be a staggered finish?**

Response: We have communicated the collection times via the end of year letter, which is also on the school website. Year 6 children are able to walk home on their own if you have sent a letter explaining that you give permission for this.

**Q18: 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

**Q19: 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 wait in a socially distanced line in the pedestrian entrance to school and wait to be seen. Entry into office reception area will be limited to one person at a time, face coverings MUST be worn in the entrance hall to school.

**Q20: 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 expected that you wear a mask.

**Q21: What if my child needs medication?**

Response: Please bring into the school office in main reception, 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

