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Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Wider Reopening of Schools

Using information and queries gathered from surveying parents in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, we have produced the following responses to common questions posed by parents and carers. Although all individual queries are not responded to here, many queries were similar and as such, we have grouped these together. We hope these make clear the school's plan for wider opening and help you to make an informed decision regarding school attendance for your child.

Frequently Asked Question	Response
How many children will be in a class?	As per the government guidance to schools, children will be in small groups with no more than 15 children in the class. This has meant we have had to split each existing year group into 3 smaller groups.
Will the children be in their normal classroom with their normal teacher?	To ensure that the children are in groups with no more than 15 children we have had to use all available classrooms to separate the groups. We have also had to use all our available staff to ensure that each small group of children has staff to cover the group. This has meant that children may not necessarily be taught by their own class teacher. We will be informing parents of the adult leading their child's group and the classroom in which they will be working.
Will the classroom environment look the same as it did before the school closure period?	Our site team and teaching staff are working hard to ensure that each classroom has enough tables for the children to sit on their own and as far apart from other children as possible, in adherence to DfE guidance. If possible, this will be 2m apart but this <u>cannot be guaranteed</u> in all classrooms. We have had to remove other furniture from the classrooms, including all soft furnishings, and resources and toys, which cannot be easily cleaned.
Will my child be 100% safe from catching Coronavirus?	At this current time nobody can offer assurances that anybody is 100% safe from catching Coronavirus if anyone within their family group leaves the house for any reason.

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How will the school run be managed so there are not adults coming into contact with others outside their family group?	<p>We will be operating a staggered drop off and pick up system. Each group will be allotted a drop-off time and a time to pick up to limit the number of people outside the school. It will be crucial that adults adhere to their allocated time slot. Only one adult will be allowed to drop off a child and they will drop the child at the gate identified for each year group.</p> <p>Parents of children in Reception and Year 1 will drop the child just inside the gate next to Nursery garden. Exit will be via a one-way system via Boldventure Gate. After being dropped off at the gate the child will then line up (2 metres apart) with the other children in their group and the adult leading the group.</p> <p>Nursery children will be dropped off at either Nursery gate or the Reception class door, just before Main Reception.</p> <p>Key worker children and vulnerable children from years 2-6 will follow the same procedures as are already in place.</p> <p>No parents/carers will be allowed onto the school site during the school day. If for any reason they need to collect their child early they will need to contact the school office, by telephone, to make arrangements. There will be no parental access to the main office and communication with school staff will need to be via telephoning the main school office. Any latecomers must contact the school office to arrange entry into school.</p>
How will social distancing be encouraged?	<p>As mentioned above, classroom layouts have been changed to promote social distancing during the day and drop off and collection procedures detailed above will support this.</p> <p>Rotas for all breaks and use of outside areas of the school have been produced so only one group uses an area at any one time.</p>
How will small groups remain in place at break and lunchtimes?	<p>Break times will be staggered so that each group have their break time separately and each group will be provided with equipment that can be used independently, such as skipping ropes. Children will be encouraged to remain 2 metres apart during these times. Break times for individual groups will be supervised by the adults allocated to that group.</p> <p>All children will need to bring a packed lunch. We are currently liaising with Caterlink as to whether or not they can provide a school meals service and will keep you informed of this. Children will have lunch in their classroom and will be supervised by the adults leading their group. If you are having difficulty providing a packed lunch, please advise us as soon as possible.</p>
Can the school ensure total social distancing at all times?	<p>As a school we have put measures in place to try, as far as possible, to socially distance the children in school.</p> <p>However as documented in the government guidance, Coronavirus (COVID-19): implementing protective measures in education and childcare settings, <i>"Unlike older children and adults, early years and primary age children cannot be expected to remain 2 metres apart from each other and staff. Schools should therefore work through the hierarchy of measures set out:</i></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Avoiding contact with anyone with symptoms</i> • <i>Frequent hand cleaning and good respiratory hygiene practices</i> • <i>Regular cleaning of settings</i> • <i>Minimising contact and mixing</i>
What happens if a child becomes symptomatic on site?	The child will be moved immediately to an isolated room which is well ventilated and behind a closed door. They will be supervised by a member of staff (wearing PPE) until they can be collected. The room will then be deep cleaned.
How will the school ensure regular handwashing during the day?	Staff will explicitly teach and supervise health and hygiene arrangements such as handwashing, tissue disposal and toilet flushing. Children will be made to frequently wash their hands with soap and dry them properly throughout the day including every time they come in from outside and before and after they eat snacks or lunch and after sneezing or coughing. Help will be available for children who have trouble cleaning their hands independently. Each year group / gender will have their own sink to use.
How will hygiene in school be managed?	Each group will have their own cleaning wipes and spray that adults in the group can use to frequently clean surfaces that children are touching e.g. toys, books, desks, chairs, doors, sinks, light switches. Children will be actively encouraged not to touch their mouth, eyes and noses. Children will regularly be reminded of catch it, bin it, kill it procedures. All classroom bins are being replaced with lidded bins and these bins will be emptied regularly throughout the day. All rooms will be well ventilated by opening windows and wherever possible doors will be propped open to aid ventilation and limit the use of door handles. Children will not use any of the indoor corridors, they will only use their allocated room and enter and exit this via the external doors. All adults and children will be strongly encouraged to wash their clothes at the end of each day after school. Toilets will be cleaned throughout the day. At the end of each day, each room will be thoroughly cleaned.
Will the school carry out daily temperature checks on the children?	The government guidance states that schools do not need to carry out daily temperature tests on children as routine testing of an individual's temperature is not a reliable method for identifying coronavirus.
Will anyone be required to wear face masks?	The government guidance clearly states that wearing a face covering or face mask in schools is not recommended.
Does the school have access to PPE?	The school has a small amount of PPE that would only be used in the following circumstances, highlighted by the government guidance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where staff are carrying out intimate care for a child (this was always the case before coronavirus) • If a child becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus whilst in the setting and needs direct personal care until they can return home. • If a child becomes unwell with symptoms of coronavirus and a supervising adult cannot maintain 2 metres distance from the child.

<p>Will the children attend for alternative days or for reduced times?</p>	<p>No, all children eligible for attendance will attend each day, after their group's introductory day. The government has advised schools not to plan on a daily or weekly rota for attendance of different year groups.</p> <p>Priority for school places will be given in the following order: Vulnerable children and children of key worker parents Nursery Reception Year 1 Year 6</p> <p>Following our risk assessment, we have identified we can only offer places for Vulnerable and Key Worker children, Nursery, Reception and Year 1. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide places for children in year 6.</p> <p>Initially, the children will return to school for the first time on different days. Key worker and vulnerable – Monday, 1st June Nursery – Tuesday, 2nd June Reception – Wednesday, 3rd June Year 1 – Thursday, 4th June</p>
<p>Will the children be taught from the curriculum during the day or is this just childcare?</p>	<p>Schools have been provided with specific guidance on what to teach, at this time, from the government. It will not be possible to cover all the curriculum requirements at this point but schools will prioritise the following: Early reading skills, including phonics Schools have also been advised to provide regular opportunities to promote children's physical and mental health.</p>

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