

Frequently Asked Questions



Is school definitely reopening on June 1st?

The Government have said that schools may reopen to certain age groups no earlier than June 1st. We will not know for definite if the school reopens on this date until the next main announcement from the Government.

My child is in years 2 to 5. When can they come to school?

Only children in Pre-School, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 are allowed to return to school when we reopen and only this will happen if we have the correct level of staffing available. The Government's ambition is for all children to return before the end of the school year but this will depend on whether the science allows it.

I am a Key Worker or my children are vulnerable. Can they go to school even if they are in years 2 to 5?

Yes. We are open for Key Worker children and vulnerable children during term time from June 1st. Parents must book via the school office by 3pm on the day before the place is needed. Children will not be allowed in if not booked in. You may have to show ID if you are a Key Worker.

What if I don't want my child to return to school yet? My child is in Year 1 so am I going to be fined for their absence?

It is the parent's choice if their child returns to school or not. Attendance will be recorded but no fines will be issued. We will understand if you don't wish for your child to return yet – we just need to know (parents must inform the school office).

My child shows symptoms but is due back at school. What do I do?

When school reopens, any child who is showing a symptom of COVID-19 must not attend. Parents should let the office know that s/he is absent and your child should self-isolate for 7 days.

Symptoms are having a **high temperature** (this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back) or a **new, continuous cough** (this means coughing a lot for more than an hour or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours).

What do I do if someone in my household is showing symptoms?

Your child must not come to school. Parents should let the school office know and every member of your household must isolate for 14 days.

Why doesn't the school take every child's temperature on their arrival?

The expectation is that parents take their child's temperature before coming to school. There is too much risk in storing and sharing of thermometers for children and staff at the school.

Can my child wear PPE? Will the staff wear PPE?

The Government have said that wearing a face covering or face mask in schools is not recommended. These may be beneficial for short periods indoors where there is a risk of close, social contact with people you do not usually meet and where social distancing and other measures cannot be maintained, for example: on public transport or in some shops. However, this does not apply to schools. Staff will not wear PPE unless they are working 1:1 with a child who has developed symptoms of COVID-19 during the day or with a child where wearing PPE is common practice.

How will social distancing happen at school? Are younger children able to understand this?

The Government have said that they accept that social distancing is not possible with young children. It is about minimising contact and mixing. Our class sizes are being reduced and children work in 'bubbles' so are with the same people all day. They do not come in to contact or mix with other 'bubbles'. Distancing is spoken about and there will certainly be an expectation for year 6 children to social distance. Classrooms will be set up for social

distancing where possible. There is a one way system around the school. Parents are expected to social distance at all times.

Will my child or the staff ever change ‘bubble’?

We aim to minimise contact and mixing. There may be inevitable, small changes to ‘bubbles’ if staffing or pupil attendance changes. We aim to keep this to a minimum.

My child has forgotten their PE kit. Do I need to bring it in?

No. This is not an emergency. Parents must only visit the school office for an emergency.

My child has an appointment during the day and they are in school. Can I come and collect him/her?

Yes of course. However, parents should telephone the school office with the time that their child needs collecting and then wait outside the main entranced doors on arrival. Your child will be brought out to you.

My child has Free School Meals but is not in school as s/he is in years 2 to 5. Do they still get the Free School Meal?

Supermarket vouchers will continue to be sent for these children.

My child has Free School Meals but is not in school even though s/he is in Pre-School, Reception, Year 1 or Year 6. Do they still get the Free School Meal?

They can. We are offering packed lunches to Free School Meal children in these age groups. However, parents have to ring the school office by 9am on the day so that a packed lunch can be made. We will then leave this meal for you to collect from the school in person. Parents will collect the meal from outside the kitchen door which is in the small car park at the front of school. These meals have to be collected between 12:00pm and 12:30pm. They will be removed after this time.

My child is in Reception or Year 1 so has Universal Infant Free School Meals. S/he is in school. Do they still get the Free School Meal or do I need to pay?

The meal will be provided free of charge.