



School re-opening from Monday 8th May – The set up

We've tried to keep this information as clear and simple as possible. All the systems we've set up here are intended to keep children, families and staff as safe as possible. Please get in touch if you require more information. Accompanying this information are some photographs to help you share this information with your child and a map of the school. The school will look and feel different, so preparing the children in advance of the changes will hopefully make the return back to school smoother and less stressful.

The Bubbles:

The children will be grouped into 4 distinct bubbles. Each bubble will have an allocated indoor and outdoor space to work in. They will have sole use of toilets, equipment and their allocated spaces. Each bubble will enter and exit the building through designated doors. There will be a slightly staggered start and finish time and playtimes will also be staggered to reduce contact between bubbles. At present each bubble has a maximum of 9 children in it. Each bubble will work with set adults – these adults will not work across bubbles, but may not be with the bubble all the time (due to toilet breaks etc).

Wrens: in the hall.

Entrance via hall playground doors.

Arrive between 8.45 and 8.55am. Collect at 12.45pm

Staff: Mrs Taylor, Mrs Bull, Mrs Williams & Mrs Webb

Robins: in the Robins/Wrens classrooms.

Entrance via blue gate.

Arrive between 8.45 and 8.55am. Collect at 12.45pm

Staff: Miss Hartland, Mrs Wilson & Mrs Spafford

Year 6: in Kingfishers classroom.

Entrance via Hawks door.

Arrive between 8.30am and 8.40am. Finish at 1.00pm

Staff: Miss Brown & Miss Wildber

Keyworkers Bubble: in Hawks classroom.

Entrance via library door. Arrive between 8.30am and 8.40am.

Staff: Mrs Gunstone, Mrs Blackhurst & Miss Williams

The classrooms:

Each classroom has been set up to encourage and promote social distancing, although this cannot be guaranteed. Each child will have an allocated 'station' (desk). They will keep all their equipment and resources at their station. Only the allocated child will be allowed to sit at their station. Adults will need to keep 2m away from them, therefore work will be planned that will be able to be completed independently with a limited amount of feedback being given from a distance. Books will not be marked by the adults. KS1 children will have a floor area in their new classrooms. Children will be allocated a specific spot to sit on on the floor, that keeps to social distancing guidance. This will enable lessons to be delivered in a way that is more familiar to these children.

The school site:

The school site will operate a one-way system to enable social distancing. Entrance to the school site will be via the High Street Gate only. Exit will be via Millers Close gate. There will be designated queuing areas for the adults to wait to drop off or collect their children. To lessen the number of people on site, we are asking that only one adult comes to school and other children are left at home if possible. Please try to come during the time slot for the bubble to help reduce the number of people on site at any one time. Adults are responsible for their own social distancing on the school site and also their children's when they are with them before and after school. If a child is walking home on their own, they should also be ensuring they are following social distancing rules – we ask that parents remind their children of the expectations. The bike sheds will not be open, so we ask that children do not scoot or cycle to school. We ask that people leave the school site as soon as possible to assist with social distancing and to limit the amount of people on the school site.

What to bring:

Children need to bring as little as possible to school. As the weather looks like it will continue to be hot, please ensure they are wearing sun cream before they come to school. Please ensure they have a filled water bottle with them and they can also bring some healthy snacks for the morning break (fruit will not be being provided) Please ensure your child can independently open their snack. A hat for playing outside is also recommended. School uniform does not have to be worn. However, clothes and shoes must be suitable for playing indoors and outside and they may get dirty. Clothes need to be washed after each day at school and a fresh outfit needs to be worn each day. If your

child is a keyworker and is staying after 1pm, they will also need to bring a packed lunch. Please do not send large school bags into school, to reduce transmission it is important to have as little as possible moving between school and home.

Activities at school:

Lessons may look different to what the children are used to as they will have to be designed for the children to be as independent as possible. We will be mindful that the children have not been at school for a while and the set-up is different so lessons will depend on the bubble's age and focus. Lessons may take place outside, and will cover various aspects of learning, but will not be following the normal curriculum offer for the year group. In school, lessons will be similar to the work being set for the children that are still participating in home learning. Keyworker children will have focused learning in the morning. After lunch, the provision will be more 'childcare' focused, although activities may include some of the home learning work such as spelling shed and athletics.

Drop off/Pick up:

We ask that you come to school during your child's allotted 10 minute slot. The children will need to sanitise their hands when entering/exit the building at the start and end of their day. They will be met by at least one of the bubble's adults. We will do our best to make coming into school as easy as possible, but it will be different to what the children have been used to. If a child is upset, we may have to ask for the parent to take them home as due to social distancing the adults will not be able to comfort the child in the same way as they may have done in the past.

What to do if your child is ill:

If your child has Covid-19 symptoms or any other illness they must not attend school.

We need to report daily to the Department of Education regarding any illnesses in school, therefore it is imperative that you inform us as soon as possible of the nature of any illness.

Current guidance is that anyone with coronavirus symptoms self-isolates for 7 days, and members of their household isolate for 14 days. If a child develops coronavirus symptoms while at school, we will isolate them and ring home so they can be collected. The main symptoms of Coronavirus are:

- High temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- New, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- Loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you inform us that your child has coronavirus symptoms or If any child becomes symptomatic of the coronavirus during the school day and we send them home, we will share details with you of how to request a test for your child and we will also inform other members of the bubble that we have done this. We will seek advice from our local Public Health Protection Team and may decide to 'close' a bubble at short notice. We will only do this if necessary and apologise if this means that childcare becomes a concern for you. However, the safety of our staff and your children is paramount in these decisions. If a child or member of staff within a bubble tests positive for coronavirus, we will inform everyone within the bubble, and they will be asked to self isolate for 14 days.

Behaviour:

The children are expected to continue to follow the behaviour expectation of the school. They will also be encouraged and promoted to social distance. This will be easier for the older children. We ask that parents work with the school to ensure that children understand social distancing and the importance of it. If a child is not behaving in an acceptable way, the parents will be informed as we would have done in the past.

Contacting the school:

If possible, contact the school via email or telephone. We are expecting the school office to be manned for a few hours each morning. If you must speak to someone in the office, we ask that only one person is in the entrance at any one time and you keep your distance from the person in the office. An adult from the bubble will be available to speak to at drop off and pick up each day. We will expect your child every day if they are in the Wrens, Robins or Y6 bubbles. If they are not attending school for any reason, please inform the school office of their absence. As per the email already sent to critical keyworker families, children that are attending the keywork bubble need to be registered for sessions each week.

As you can appreciate, it has been quite a challenge to ensure we are meeting the government guidelines and make the school as welcoming as possible for the children. This plan is dependent on all staff being well and at school. Classroom bubbles have been set up on the numbers of children we have been told by parents that are wanting to return. We will constant review our plans to check that we are providing the best we can for the children in these circumstances. We will keep you informed of any necessary changes.