

Information for parents

'RE-OPENING'

- **Year 6 can return from Monday 15th June**
- **Year 1 can return from Wednesday 17th June**
- **Reception can return from Monday 22nd June**
- **Children of Key Workers and Vulnerable children can return from Monday 1st June**

- School will be open to Years R, 1 and 6 from Monday-Thursday
- We will be CLOSED every Friday for deep cleaning and PPA time for the staff, except for children of key workers who can still attend if it is essential.
- If a child starts back to school in the key worker group on the 1st June, they can move into their own year group when it re-opens but they cannot swap and change back and forth.
- The Key worker group can attend for 5 days a week
- Year groups can only attend Monday-Thursday

CLASS/GROUPS

- We have created small groups of no more than 15 children and those groups will remain consistent for the remainder of the summer term.
- There will be 2 adults with each group of children.
- Your child may not be with the teacher they have normally had.
- Where possible, we have positioned desks 2 metres apart.
- These groups will stay together all day and will not be allowed to mix with other groups in the school.

THERE WILL BE NO BREAKFAST OR AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

CURRICULUM

Children will be taught Maths and English in the mornings. In the afternoons, there will be a variety of enrichment e.g art, games, PE etc.

The outdoors will be utilised as much as possible with teachers planning to deliver lessons outside whenever we can. PE will be timetabled for outdoors, using limited equipment which will be kept in their group.

No Assemblies will take place in the hall due to it being used as a classroom but assemblies will take place daily in classrooms.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP TIMES:

Year 6 - 8.45am - 2.55pm

Year 1 – 9am – 3.05pm

Reception – 9.15am – 3.15pm

Key Worker children – 8.30am-3.25pm

Children must arrive at school at their allocated time. For example, you cannot bring them in at 10am because they didn't wake up in time.

WHERE TO DROP OFF AND PICK UP:

Year 6 to enter through the car park and around the back to the classrooms

Year 1 to enter through the main office entrance

Reception to enter through the yard (top gate)

Key worker children (from years 2,3,4 and 5) to enter through the car park and into the Year 4 classroom fire exit door on the car park

PLEASE BE TIMELY DROPPING OFF. We have arranged a staggered start and finish to reduce the numbers of adults around the school entrance. Please adhere to this.

There will be 2m markings on the pavement. Please do not cross these or get too close to other parents.

Year 6 children can walk to and from school themselves with written permission from parents – a separate letter will be sent to you.

No parents inside the building at all – please leave your child at the gates where Mrs White and Mrs Murphy will stand. The gates will be locked at all times and only opened at the drop off and pick up times.

Please try be prompt, but if you are late bringing your child, please come to the main entrance, ring the buzzer and a staff member will come out to meet you. Please don't enter the premises with your child.

No events or gatherings will take place in school for the foreseeable future.

No clubs will take place after school.

HOME LEARNING

From Monday 15th June our home learning plan will change slightly. The teachers will continue to email Maths, English, PE, and Picture News work to you but we are directing parents to use the following websites for the remainder of the curriculum:

<https://www.thenational.academy/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

ENVIRONMENT

Classrooms have had unnecessary items removed from them – no soft furnishings, no soft toys or teddies etc

Desks have been spaced using the 2 metre rule where we can

Tape has been used to create one way systems around the building

Children will have everything they need e.g. pens/pencils etc on their desk and they must try not to go near another child's desk or belongings.

GENERAL

Children do not need to wear uniform. However, please send them in to school in clean, washed clothes every day. Please send them in clothes that they can do sport in, get muddy in etc.

Only 1 parent must come to drop off/pick up their child.

Please stand at least 2 metres away from staff at all times.

Please continue to use the home learning emails to communicate with staff.

Parents are not to gather in groups anywhere around the school.

Gates will remain locked and only opened for children to enter/exit.

Please bath/shower your child every day and new clean clothes every day for school.

If you send your child to school, then you are not entitled to the FSM vouchers of £15 a week as we will be providing lunch.

You will NOT be fined if you choose not to send your child to school.

A social story will be sent to all pupils before the return to school for you to read with them.

Every child has been bought a new clipboard, pencil case and pens/pencils/rulers etc. Please don't send in any stationery into school at all.

On sunny days, please apply suncream to your child BEFORE school.

CLEANING AND HYGIENE

We have purchased standalone handwashing units to put at key points around the school to enable handwashing.

The school will be cleaned throughout the day, after school every day and a deep clean every Friday.

Children will have to clean their hands on arrival at school, before and after eating and after sneezing and coughing.

We will be encouraging children to wash their own hands but help will be available to any children who cannot wash their hands independently. Please teach them how to do this properly before sending them to school.

Please ensure that your child can independently do up buttons, zips, shoes laces etc so that staff don't have to go too near. If they can't do these things, please think about what clothes/shoes they are wearing. Of course we will help if we need to but it's important we reduce the amount of physical contact with children.

The internal doors in school will be propped open to limit touching them.

All windows will be kept open to ensure good ventilation

Please don't send your child to school with anything from home apart from:

- Packed lunch (only Year 6s)
- Water Bottle
- Coat

Nothing will be brought home from school apart from their water bottle. Reading books will not be sent home.

LUNCHES – WATER BOTTLES - SNACK

Reception and Year 1 will have school dinners – no packed lunches to be sent from home please. This is so that it reduces risk for staff having to handle things sent in from home. It also reduced cross contamination as we often have children eating things from each other's packed lunches. The kitchen will be providing sandwich options for the children as well as a normal school dinner as we are aware some children don't usually have the school dinners.

Year 6 can choose school dinner or packed lunch. Please send disposable packed lunches where possible.

Lunch times will be staggered and children will eat in their classrooms. The food will be brought to them so they don't have to walk around corridors or queue up.

Please send clean water bottles to school each day clearly labelled with your child's name. They will be sent home at the end of every day so you can wash them thoroughly and re-fill them. The water fountain in school will NOT to be used.

Snack time will still take place. Reception and Year 1 will be provided with fruit every day. Year 6 will be provided with toast every day. PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY SNACK IN FROM HOME. There is no charge for any of this.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

1. A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
2. A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
3. A 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 or your child experience any of these symptoms, please do not send your child to school. Please stay at home and self isolate. Please see the NHS website for further guidance: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/what-to-do-if-you-or-someone-you-live-with-has-coronavirus-symptoms/>

If you send your child to school with any of these symptoms, you could risk passing the virus onto other children and staff. We will request that children are collected immediately if they attend school with any of these symptoms and parents will be informed that someone in school has symptoms.

If someone in your child's group displays symptoms, then you will be informed so that you can make the decision about whether you self-isolate. As soon as we have further information about that child's condition we will share it so that parent's are aware of any risk.

Questions you might ask:

What happens if someone in school (pupil or staff) tests positive for COVID-19? *Current guidance states that the school will close for at least 14 days and families are encouraged to self isolate. This may be subject to change at any time.*

Can my children be in the same bubble even if they are in different year group? *No I'm sorry, due to staffing we can't facilitate that.*

I have children in two different year groups and they start at different times. Can I just drop them off together? *No you can't. You will have to drop one off, wait in your car and then come and drop the other one off.*

We don't want to send our child back straight away. What if we change our mind later in the month? Can we send them then? *Yes, we have planned for groups of 15 for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 so if you change your mind, please ring school.*

I only need to send my child when I work. Can I book certain days? *The expectation is that if a child's year group is open then they should be at school. However, it is completely your choice as to when you send your child to school.*

Will I get fined if I don't send my child to school? *No you won't. No fines will be issued.*

If I don't send my child to school, will you still be providing Home Learning for them? *Yes, we will. We will still provide weekly work as well as guiding parents to use Bitesize and Oak National Academy.*

Please can my child be in a group with his friends? *We will do our best to place children in their friendship groups.*

I don't like the group that my child is in. Please can you swap their group? *No we cannot do that. Once the groups are decided that is final.*

I only want my child to come for half a day each day. Can I do that? *No. If a child attends school, they should attend for the whole day and only leave school for appointments e.g. hospital/doctors. This reduces contact for staff with parents and ensures consistency.*

My child has suffered some trauma whilst off school. How do I let the teacher know? *We will be sending questionnaires out to all parents who are sending their children back to school to let us know about anything that has happened whilst they have been home-schooled. You can also use the home learning emails to contact the teachers directly or request a call back from them.*

Your new school rules say that there won't be face to face communication with teachers. How will I tell the teacher about things I need to? *Please continue to use the home learning emails to communicate with the class teacher.*

Can I make an appointment after school to see the class teacher when all the children have gone? *No I'm sorry. Mrs White has directed staff to be off the premises by 3.30pm every day so that the school can be thoroughly cleaned each night.*

What will Year 6 be doing seeing as though they are going to High School and didn't sit their SATS tests? *Year 6 will continue to do English and Maths in the mornings so that we can ensure that they've been taught the Year 6 curriculum ready for High School. In the afternoon they are going to be doing some transition work and a project that can be sent to their new schools. We are working closely with the local high schools to ensure the smoothest transition for our Year 6s as possible.*

How are you going to maintain the social distancing guidelines of 2 metres in school? *This is going to be difficult in school but we will do the best that we can to implement this. Where possible, we have placed desks 2 metres apart, we have created one way systems in school and created staggered times of things throughout the day. In some circumstances, though, we will be unable to do this e.g. in Reception, children will be near each other during play.*

Will we still get an end of year report for our child? *Yes the teachers are writing end of year reports that will be personal for each child and something to reflect back on after what has been the most challenging year in school so far.*

My child is in Year 6. What data will you be sending to their high school seeing as though they didn't sit their SATS tests? *We will be sending Teacher Assessment and you will be informed of this before the end of the year.*

I am a key worker and need my child to attend for 5 days a week but I want her to be with her friends in her year group. Can she be put in her year group and then go in the key worker group on a Friday? *No. The groups cannot be mixed once the year groups are back in. They are either in their year group and attend Mon-Thurs OR the Key Worker group and can attend all week.*

Will the children be put in 'squares' at playtime so they can't play with others? *No, we will not be drawing squares on the floor. We understand that although we will aim to maintain social distancing wherever possible, it is not entirely possible in a primary school.*

My child is in Year 1 and doesn't like school dinners. Can I send a packed lunch? *No. We have made the decision that Reception and Year 1 will all have a school lunch provided. They will have a sandwich option which includes cheese, ham or tuna. They will be asked what sandwich they want daily. As well as this, we will provided fresh fruit daily for them at play times.*