

The Reopening of Schools. Guidance for Parents and Carers.

The government would like all children back into school, as soon as it is safe to do so, as school is the best place for children to learn, and it is good for children's mental wellbeing to have time with their friends and teachers.

The transmission rate of coronavirus has decreased and a phased return will begin on June 1st, provided that the 5 key tests set by government are met.

| Advice/ Aim | Action/Reason |
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| The phased return will begin on 1 st June. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This is because children of all ages have less severe symptoms than adults and younger children are less likely to become unwell if infected with coronavirus. |
| Phased return. Schools will limit the numbers of children to start with. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We will continue to offer places to vulnerable children and children of critical workers• We would like to welcome back children in Reception, year 1 and year 6 |
| The return to school on June 1 st does not include brothers and sisters in different year groups | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brothers and sisters of children in Reception, Y1 and Y6 can only attend school on June 1st if they are children of critical workers. |
| The Government would like all primary school children to go back to school before the summer holidays, for a month. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This will be kept under review by the Government. |
| We will keep parents informed of our plans to reopen to more children. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We will carry out a risk assessment before opening, directly addressing the risks associated with coronavirus. |
| We will limit the amount of contact between different groups of children | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We will make smaller class sizes with children and staff spread out• We will change the layout of classrooms.• We could make timetable changes, such as staggered break times or by introducing staggered drop-off and collection times. |
| We will enforce additional protective measures - regular hand washing , ensuring good respiratory hygiene and cleaning surfaces more frequently . | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children will be supervised washing their hands for 20 seconds with running water and soap and use of sanitiser.• We will promoting the catch it, bin it, kill it approach to sneezing and coughing.• We will clean frequently touched surfaces, door handles, handrails, tabletops, play equipment and toys regularly. |

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| We will provide support and education to children in the best way we can at this time. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception teachers will try to deliver the learning needed in Reception as possible in the current circumstances. • Teachers will assess where pupils are in their learning in order to make any necessary adjustments to their curriculum over the coming weeks • We will prioritise pupils' mental health and wellbeing. • We will teach activities to support those for going to secondary school in September • We will continue to support pupils remaining at home with our online work and blog. |
| Getting to school | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You should avoid public transport at peak times. |
| We will provide meal options for all children who are in school | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free school meals will be provided for those children who are eligible. • The school kitchen will be open and we will ensure staff are able to work safely. • We will provide meals or food parcels for benefits-related free school meal pupils not attending school. • The provision of food vouchers for those eligible under the benefits criteria will also continue to be available where needed for those not attending. |
| Changing start and end time of the day | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will inform parents. |
| Which children should attend school? | |
| Children should attend school in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 from 1 st June. Parents will not be fined for non-attendance at this time. | Unless your child is self-isolating or shielding due to health conditions. Parents should notify us if your child is unable to attend so that staff are aware and we can discuss with you. |
| Vulnerable children of all year groups continue to be expected and encouraged to attend school. | As long as it is appropriate for them to do so. |
| Children who are considered extremely clinically vulnerable and shielding | These children should continue to shield and should not be expected to attend. |

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| Children who live in a household with someone who is extremely clinically vulnerable and shielding | These children should only attend if we can make sure social distancing can be adhered to and the child is able to understand and follow those instructions. Contact school to discuss this if your child falls into this category. |
| Clinically vulnerable children are those considered to be at a higher risk of severe illness from coronavirus. | If you feel your child is in this category, follow medical advice. |
| Children who live with someone who is clinically vulnerable and including those who are pregnant. | Your child can attend school |
| If a child or a member of their household has symptoms of coronavirus. | Children must not attend school |
| What happens if someone has coronavirus symptoms? | |
| All Staff and pupils will be eligible for testing if they become ill with coronavirus symptoms, as will members of their household. | A positive test will ensure rapid action to protect their classmates and staff. |
| What if a child or staff member develops symptoms compatible with coronavirus? | They will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 7 days. Members of their household should self-isolate for 14 days. |
| What if a child or staff member tests positive? | The rest of their class/group will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days. The other household members of that wider class/group do not need to self-isolate unless the child or staff member they live with in that group subsequently develops symptoms. |
| If other cases are detected within the child's cohort | We will contact Public Health England's local Health Protection Team and they will conduct a rapid investigation and will advise schools on the most appropriate action to take. A larger number of other children may be asked to self-isolate at home. |