



## Frequently Asked Questions (for Parents)

### From September 2021:

#### What are the times of the school day?

From September 2021 we have reverted back to “normal” start and finish times for the whole school. Doors open at 8:45am, registration is at 8:55am and teaching starts at 9am. At the end of the day Reception (after their first week of half days) will finish at 3:15pm and the rest of the school at 3:20pm. Both school entrances and exits will be available to use both morning and afternoon, so no one way system in place any more.

#### How will children be grouped and where will they be?

- Children will be taught in whole class groups, in their new classrooms with their new teachers and support staff.
- There will be Phase groups which are Reception, Years 1, 2 & 3, Years 4, 5 & 6. The Phase groups will have staff that move between the class to cover teachers for PPA time, Leadership time and NQT time.
- Children are not required to socially distance from other children in these zones although members of staff visiting these zones **will** be asked to socially distance where possible.
- Table groupings will return fully.
- Breaks and lunchtimes will revert back to normal mixing.

#### What are the expectations of the children being in school?

- The expectation is that all children will return to full-time school on 6 September 2021.

#### Will there be before and after school club provision?

- Parents have the option to access wraparound care via The Orchard (Breakfast and After-School Clubs). Please contact The Orchard Manager Shai Hutchinson for more details.  
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#### Will my child be accessing the full curriculum?

- Children will be offered a full, balanced and broad curriculum. Our Curriculum Reconnection work has already started and is expected to continue for the rest of the academic year.
- Academic Year 2021-22 is the Year of Maths, and we will continue Golden Threads that weave through our curriculum. The Golden Threads are: **Oracy, Collaboration, Resilience, Global Citizenship and Sustainability.**
- Homework will focus on Reading, Number bonds, Timetables and Well-being.
- Extra-curricular activities have been timetabled for 10 week blocks each term. Information will be sent home shortly.
- Swimming is due to return in the Spring for Year 3, 4 and 5 but is being delivered in a different way. More details to follow.

## **What safety measures will be put in place in classrooms and around school?**

- We ask that only one parent accompany their child for drop-off and collection. Parents and children should avoid gathering on the playground or at the school gates.
- Children will have hand sanitiser sprayed on their hands on entry and exit to classroom.
- The children will continue to be regularly washing their hands during the school day.
- There will be no on-site visitors into school during the school day, except professionals and for maintenance requirements
- Parents are not permitted to enter classrooms/school. Where possible, communication with the school should be through telephone or email
- Information which will normally be shared in meetings with parents, will be sent electronically, where possible

## **Social distancing**

- We will continue to encourage social distancing where we can.

## **Uniform and Resources:**

- Children are expected to wear full school uniform, including black school shoes (no boots). Children should only wear trainers for PE.
- Children will wear PE kit on PE days- you will be informed of your child's PE days at the start of term. This will be reviewed at Christmas
- The children will be provided with their own individual resources in a clear pencil case which will be kept on their table. Children do not need to bring resources in from home.
- Children will only be permitted to bring 'essential items' into school e.g. a bag/book bag, coat, lunchbox and water bottle. They will store their belongings in the cloakrooms or lockers for their class.

## **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):**

- Children are not required to wear face coverings on the school site.
- PPE may be worn by staff administering first aid, providing personal care or on occasions when teaching.
- Face Masks – it is strongly recommended by the Local Health Authority that parents/carers wear facemasks when dropping off and collecting their children. Staff will continue to wear masks when meeting parents at drop off and collection.

## **Hygiene and Cleaning:**

- Small children and those with complex needs, will continue to be supported to wash their hands properly. Children can bring their own hand cream into school if they have a medical need. This will be kept in the child's tray in the classroom.
- Children will continue to be taught to use the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach to respiratory hygiene – lidded bins and tissues will be provided in every classroom.
- There will continue to be increased cleaning of the building, particularly pupil areas, at regular intervals during the school day.
- Where possible, doors and windows will be open for increased ventilation. Parents should ensure that children are dressed in suitably warm clothing.

## **What are the arrangements for lunchtimes and school dinners?**

- Return to full service for all year groups using the dining room, so no eating in the classroom

## **What if a child/adult displays symptoms of Covid-19 when in school?**

- Following government guidelines, **individuals who are displaying coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, should not attend school**. Individuals who have tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) should not attend school for 10 days following a positive test.
- If anyone in the school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they will be sent home and advised to follow '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)', which sets out that they must self-isolate for at least 7 days and should [arrange to have a test](#) to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19).
- Staff members and parents/carers must be ready and willing to:
  - Inform the school immediately of the results of a test
- If someone tests negative, they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can return to school. Proof of a negative test will be required by the school office.

### **What if a child/adult in school tests positive for Covid-19?**

- If someone tests positive, they should follow the '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)' and must continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste
- Where a child or staff member tests positive, the school will work with the health protection team to carry out a rapid risk assessment to confirm who has been in close contact with the person during the period that they were infectious, and they will be required to complete a PCR Test, but will not be required to self-isolate. It is only those with a positive test result who need to self-isolate.
- If an adult in school tests positive, they will self-isolate for 10 days and class will be covered.
- If a child in an adult's class tests positive and the adult has not been fully vaccinated, they will have to self-isolate and teach from home.
- It is crucial that parents/carers inform us of any positive test results and follow the necessary rules. Equally, I will keep parents/carers informed of positive cases in school.

### **What Home Learning opportunities will be provided to children who are required to self-isolate due to testing positive for COVID?**

- Remote education will be provided to all children who are self-isolating at home. They should access the learning only if they are well enough to do so. This will be in the form of a Bingo Board of activities that are linked to the learning for the half term.

### **Can I choose not to send my child into school?**

- The government are clear that from the start of term in September, usual attendance rules will apply.