



Frequently asked questions:

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We have tried to answer as many questions about the school re-opening as possible:

1. **When are we opening to Reception, Y1 and Y6?** If the government continues with its plans we will be opening on June 1st to Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils.
2. **Why can't all children in a year group come into school?** The government have outlined a maximum of 15 children per class/group. Due to the size of our classrooms we believe we will be able to accommodate possibly 10 children in a group, this is subject to change as we receive more scientific guidance.
3. **Why are separate year groups coming into school each day as opposed to one year group?** We want to try and accommodate siblings from the same family on the same day if possible. This will reduce the risk to all accessing the site as you won't then need to make another trip into school for a second child.
4. **How will the school try to ensure pupils don't come into contact with each other?** Each year group will have a specific area of the school to work in/play outside and we will have set times for parents to drop off/collect children.
5. **Will parents be allowed in school?** No. Only one parent may accompany their child to school and walk to their specified entrance e.g. classroom door (if needed).
6. **Where will I park?** You may park in the lower car park (on the bend of the drive). This will be big enough for a drop off and leave within the staggered start/collection times we will be implementing. You/children will then be able to walk up the school path instead of on the driveway.
7. **How will the school manage children coming to and from school each day?** We will stagger start and end times for each year group. Our key worker children who have been coming in will continue to use their entrance near the office with drop off at 8.55am with collection at 3.30pm. Reception class will use their door in their own outside area, be dropped off at 9.10am and collected at 2.45pm. Year 1 will use their class door, will be dropped off at 9.25am and collected at 3pm. Year 6 will use the door from the KS2 playground and will be dropped off at 9.40am and collected at 3.15pm.
8. **What do we do about uniform?** We would not be expecting children to wear uniform, but would expect children to wear clean clothes each day. No bags or book bags.
9. **What measures have been taken to keep hygiene levels high?** We have ordered a significant amount of cleaning products as well as having had a deep clean of the whole school. We will ask children to wash hands as they arrive/leave, after using toilets, playing outside, before meals/snacks and regularly throughout the day. Surfaces will be kept clear of items and furniture minimized to reduce infectious areas. Soft furnishings will be removed from classrooms. Children will have equipment for the day allocated to their desk.
10. **What will happen if my child doesn't go to school?** The Government have informed us that no one will be penalized for nonattendance. We will rely on parents making their own informed decisions as you know your child and family circumstances the best.
11. **Will I be fined for my child not attending?** No, the government have said there will be no fines issued.

- 12. Will my child still get work if they are not in school?** Yes, we will continue to provide work for children not attending and for those attending we will provide “homework” where appropriate.
- 13. How will the school manage lunchtimes?** All lunches, be they home packed lunches or school dinners, will be eaten in the classroom spaces allocated to that year group. Playtimes at lunch will be staggered and monitored by staff.
- 14. How will the school manage breaktimes?** This will be undertaken on a staggered basis and be monitored by staff. The keyworker children will have the field, Year 6 the KS2 playground and part of the field, Year 1 the KS1 playground, Reception will stay in their own outdoor area.
- 15. How will school manage first aid issues?** We have updated all first aid packs and staff training. There will be a qualified first aider on site every day.
- 16. What will happen with year 6 transition?** We are discussing with the secondary schools their requirements for transition to secondary school. Not all secondary schools have given us details yet.
- 17. Will my child get an end-of-year report?** Yes, we will provide an overview of your child’s schooling up to March 20th 2020. This will be a new format, different from the previous report but more than fulfils the government’s requirements for an end of year report.
- 18. What if I have issues at home such as shielding or illness?** Please inform us of the situation and we will record it appropriately.
- 19. What do I do if I have children in different year groups with a staggered start?** We would like you to arrive at school for the earliest drop off time and drop off all the children at this time. The same with collections, collect all children on the earliest time.
- 20. How is the school going to support both SEN and well-being matters of children?** We will be using the expertise and experience of staff to provide support to the children whilst in school. There will be an allocated time to specifically this each day with extra PSHE/nurture.
- 21. Will my child receive a reading book from school?** No, they will not, but we have already posted you towards some websites.
- 22. What happens if my child is ill at school?** They will be removed from that year group area to the sunshine room, you will be phoned and asked to collect your child immediately. A parent would need to go to the door next to the school office for collection.
- 23. What happens if my child is late for school?** We do not want children to be late, so please adhere to the staggered times we set. If you are late then please contact the school by email and follow the instructions given to you.
- 24. What happens if my child has an appointment during school time?** We need you to tell us about an appointment before it happens so we can plan for it. Your child will be brought to the main office area and you can collect from there at the appropriate time.

I’m sure you will probably have more questions, but I hope this gives you a picture of how different school will be and the changes we are making. Safety will continue to be our priority. When we have more information we will be in contact with updates. Further scientific advice will be given to us from the government on 28.5.2020, plans may need to change as a result of this. As always Stay safe and God bless.

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